

East Shore Board meeting: August 20, 2017, 12:30 pm

In attendance: Mary Bender, Bob Ross, Dan Bond, Laura Solomon, Rev. Denis, Scott Wise, Kathleen Huntley, Tiffany Griffith, Halcyon Domanski, Shirley Hairston

Board meetings now have an inspirational reading to start, but Board Covenant still printed and handed out with other notes. Rev. Denis read a passage that will be included in Sept. 3rd regular service.

Chair Report: Board meetings are moving to the first Sunday of each month. However, September is an issue because of Labor Day weekend. September meeting moved to the 10th. October will begin new regular schedule.

Board highlights—has been a request to have them out the day of the actual board meeting. Tiffany will try to accommodate. Dan Bond is already posting financial reports the same day.

Minister's Report: Spent first couple of weeks back focusing on pastoral care, calendaring for the year, planning memorials, weddings, etc. Spoke with Emily Detar, who asked Rev. Denis about being ordained here at East Shore. No further details yet, just started the conversation. She is the fourth person to come out of East Shore as a minister (all women).

RE Report: Report was emailed several days ago. Friday, she went to a LARADA meeting in Pittsburgh. DREs belong to it and it creates the policy and rules for being a DRE within UUism. They keep us legal, safe and accountable.

Membership Report: Pat McGovern not here, no report. Only noted change is one death since the last report.

Treasurer's Report: Rev. Denis asked if it would be possible to pay back all of the Fahr funds. Dan said that it would require further analysis. Denis said that it restore some trust. Flood insurance: Dan will talk with agent, Colleen Desmond of Church Mutual tomorrow. Limited flood coverage covers damage to covered portions of building, personal property, debris removal. Deductible would be \$1000. We are not in a flood zone. Top limit is \$25,000 at \$104/month. Mary Bender moved to purchase flood insurance at \$25,000 limit. Seconded by Bob Ross. No discussion. No opposed or abstentions. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: Thanks to Nancy Tozer, who helped Mary with some of the budget problems. Duplication was found between "Internet" and "Phone and Internet," so those items were merged. New budget should now be input properly into Power Church. Total income is up a bit from last month. Our expenses for one month are also down slightly.

Finance Committee & Stewardship: At the last meeting of the FC, they prepared a proposed list for loose collection split for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. A copy was handed out to the Board. 50% of the loose offering goes to these groups. This list can be changed by Board vote later, if needed. Halcyon began a discussion of about the inclusion of Blue Sky Folks Festival on list. Since Blue Sky went independent, it's not directly part of ESUUC. Shirley pointed out it meets the criteria for loose offerings. Dan related that the reason it went independent because of the need to get outside grants and funding. Scott Wise made a motion to approve proposed list of loose collection disbursement. Seconded by Kathleen Huntley. Motion carries unanimously.

We need to make sure monies collected from fundraisers are given to the assistant treasurer to make sure the funds are accounted for quickly.

Committee on Ministry Report: Scott Wise is the Board liaison to this committee.

Board Action Plan: Dan suggested that the Welcome Schedule should also be sent out to the whole Board, not just sent to Justin Simons and Linda Work.

DRE Contract: Mary Bender added to this action item, September 20th is new date.

Cleanup days scheduled for first Saturday of every month at 9:00 am. Will do inside chores in the winter. This will be published in the *Beacon* and elsewhere.

Board Pictures: Bill Butler has offered to take photos of new board members and to re-mount the framed photos on the wall. We will try to plan for next Sunday.

The by-laws have not been revised to make it so it does not require board action to remove members.

Rev. Denis moved that Margaret Heintz and Jim Rittenhouse be removed from the official membership rolls. Seconded by Mary Bender. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Outcome of the Great Calendaring Event—was very successful. Tiffany said they also made a list of fun activities and all got at least one individual to head each of them up. Group discussed the idea of meeting on February 24, 2018 again to go over the calendar to see if it needs to be adjusted. Tiffany cannot be there and asked Bob to attend. Cleanup Days: Social aspect (dinner, etc) was helpful. Both inside and outside of church desperately need work.

Custodian search: New custodian starts Wednesday, August 23rd. His name is Jeff Jeunnette.

Rental request: Organization is called “Organizing for Action.” A non-partisan, grassroots group focused on progressive issues. Planning a town hall event for Rep. David Joyce’s constituents. Looking at 7-9 pm on either Aug. 29 or 31st. 100-150 people expected. A board member would need to be here during that time. Since it is a non-profit, the board sets or waives the fee. It is not a 501c(3) organization, according to Charity Navigator. Mary Bender made a motion to deny the rental. Seconded by Dan Bond. Discussion ensued. The motion carried.

Bees & wasps: They are in the recycling bin and out front and outside the kitchen. The church already has a regular pest control service. Dan will contact them to ask them about getting them removed.

Board Retreat: Scheduled for 9 am to 1 pm on September 30th. Location TBA. No moderation will be used, especially with the shortened timeframe.

Nancy Tozer invites all board members to her 2017 Spring Fertility Party at 7 pm Friday August 25th.

Meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm.

