

## **East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church: Board Meeting 9/10/2017**

**In attendance:** Kathleen Huntley, Dan Bond, Mary Bender, Bob Ross, Kristine Burkwood, Shirley Halston, Nancy Tozer, Scott Wise, Tiffany Griffith, Laura Solomon, Rev. Denis

**Monitor:** Nancy Tozer

Kathleen Huntley asked that "Security/Smoking" be added to the agenda.

### **8-20-2017 minutes**

\*Nancy noted top limit of flood insurance is \$104/year, not a month, as noted in the minutes.

Dan motioned to approved minutes from August 20<sup>th</sup>, Bob Rob seconded. Kristine and Nancy abstained. Motion carried.

**Board chair's report**—no questions.

**Minister's report**—no questions.

**DRE report**—Successful COA dinner 9/9/2017. Still looking for 1-2 male mentors for COA. Working with Rev. Denis on putting together adult RE classes.

**Membership report**—Frank & Ann Jacobsen resigned from the membership. Ann is moving towards becoming a Buddhist. Dan made a motion to remove them from the roll. Nancy seconded. Motion carries unanimously, no abstentions.

"New to UU" classes start next week, on governance and polity.

**Treasurer's report**—there are 9 more months' payments on the restricted endowments, unless the Board decides to pay the balance at some point.

Some of the committee chairs have requested to be the approving person for checks. Dan has been writing "Authorizing Authority" on forms. The committee chairs have greater awareness of their accounts, but it becomes more bureaucratic. The finance committee is working on this right now.

**Finance report**—income so far, this fiscal year, is up a little, and expenses are down a little bit.

Rummage sale—the results span 2 fiscal years, since it took place during one but the money dribbled in a bit after. There was a total of 6032.19 earned, according to Powerchurch. Expenses of 461.45. Net 5570.74.

We're in the second year of the building/capital fund. Blue Sky is paying rent this year. The rent is \$250.00. The committee working on what to do with the house next door has a draft of what they might do with it. That will go to the Finance Committee first. The Finance Committee has decided not to make any changes to the check approving authority at this time.

Church Mutual expense was \$1900 less than we budgeted, roughly. That has now been paid in full. With the approval of the Finance Committee, that premium has now been paid in full for the church year.

**Committee on Ministry**

First meeting was held September 6, will be monthly moving forward. They are going to appoint a representative from the Board. They plan to write a more succinct mission statement. Dee has asked the Board for help with that. Rev. Denis suggested spending some time on that at the Board Retreat.

### **Board Action Plan**

Wasp nests have now been mostly resolved.

Welcome schedule for September was not emailed, due to a technical issue Tiffany had. Nancy Tozer noted that, in the past, the Board Secretary emails those to Linda and to Justin.

All new-to-board members have now had their photos taken by Bill Butler.

Bylaws will be addressed in future meetings and at the Board Retreat, to some extent, as they will require more changes than we have time for today.

### **New Business**

Welcome schedule for October filled out and given to the Board Secretary.

Insurance updates: \$25,000 is now in place in contract, according to Dan Bond.

Rev. Denis has recommended that Halcyon's job title be changed. He feels that she is concerned not just with kids, but the whole congregation. He feels her job description needs to reflect what she actually does. Shirley pointed out that the reason the need for a new contract for Halcyon came up was part of this same issue. Discussion ensued about what current titles are being used for her job; Rev. Denis said that DRE is actually kind of old-fashioned. Halcyon will put out a call for sample titles and descriptions to other UU churches.

Missing check: Ron Prosek reported a missing check to the Board for \$50.00. His email mentioned that he wasn't sure he sent it. No one on the Board has received it.

COM-Board Appointed Member: Scott Wise declined. Tiffany Griffith is still willing to fill this role. Dan made a motion to make Tiffany Griffith the Board-appointed member of the COM. Scott seconded. Motion passed.

By-laws, changes, review, etc: Tiffany sent the draft out via email this morning. We need a plan on how we're going to review it as a Board. Then we need a congregational meeting where it can be reviewed as well. We will be focusing primarily on the changes. Tiffany asked for one person to follow up with the group working on the by-laws. Halcyon volunteered to be that liaison. We will include discussion of this topic in the Board Retreat, but we don't want to have the Board Retreat be subsumed by this topic.

MTA event: "Move to Amend" group wants to have their event here. Ron Prosek made the request that we not charge them, as their mission is very compatible with UU principles. "Barnstorming" event on October 3, 2017. MTA wants an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would reverse the Supreme Court's decision to allow corporations to have the same free speech rights as individual. Dan Bond moved to let the MTA use the church, with no charge. Scott Wise seconds. Kathleen Huntley abstained. No dissensions, motion carried.

Aware of UU? (West Shore): this item was removed from the agenda, after Rev. Denis said it turned out to be nothing.

Peggy Clason Memorial: Tiffany sent out an email to the Board about this. Tiffany will re-send. The memorial is the afternoon of the Board Retreat on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Board presence has been requested. Board may also be able to help with transportation. Service begins at 3 pm.

Board Retreat: 9 am to 1 pm. Pavilion at Horseshoe Lake Park in Shaker Lakes. Has a stone fireplace nearby. If weather is bad, there are several Board members with homes nearby. Tiffany will send an email for what people should bring, food-wise.

Security & smoking: Kathleen came back to the church after forgetting something last week, and found the church wide open, with the lights on. Nobody was here. Kathleen also found that the community room (the room with the couches) smelled tremendously like cigar smoke. Halcyon pointed out that, at one point, the person doing the welcome at service stayed and locked up. Tiffany suggested that the welcome person be the reminder to make sure people lock up and turn off lights. Laura will add this piece to the welcome schedule to Linda & Justin.

Next meeting is 10/1. Scott Wise will be the monitor.