

East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

October 13, 2013

The regular meeting of the East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on October 13, 2013, at East Shore, the Board Chair presiding and the Secretary being present.

Present: Dick Hurwitz, Jason McCann, Dan Bond, Pat McGovern, Dan Waite, Halcyon Domanski, Kristine Bowers, and Rochelle Luckwitz.

Absent: Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner, Kaaren Biggin and Mary Bender.

Guests: David Michel, Lynne Killgore and Sharon Waite.

Dan Bond opened the meeting with a reading for centering.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Dan Waite to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2013 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Action Plan:

Buckeye Charity Poker – see Unfinished Business

Special Collections surplus investigation is still ongoing.

Dale Luckwitz has agreed to edit The Beacon following Diana Packer leaving that role.

The Financial Review Committee has been contacted and will begin review of the 2012-2013 church year as soon as possible.

The 2014 Annual Meeting Date of June 1, 2014 was announced to the congregation during service.

Dick Hurwitz talked to Building Committee Chair George Pelow about the parking lot striping. The Building Committee has been considering purchasing/renting striping equipment and doing it themselves but will take the Board direction under advisement. Additionally, Lynne Killgore says the Finance Committee believes we may be able to obtain a Chalice Lighters grant for raising the storm drains, resurfacing the lot and/or restriping. The Finance Committee will get back to the Board before the spring with further details as to the feasibility of that option.

Night at the Races will take place on January 25, 2014. Charles Parnell has been confirmed as the Master of Ceremonies. Jason McCann and the Night at the Races Committee will proceed with planning and execution of this fundraiser.

Reports:

A – Chair:

Covered in Unfinished Business.

B – Minister:

Report attached.

C – Religious Education

Report attached.

Additionally, it has been brought to Halcyon's attention that the church needs a "K" Class extinguisher for the kitchen. The Board will refer this to the Building Committee.

There will be a Multi-generational Thanksgiving service

The church may be able to acquire and install outdoor vertical flags, which can be installed roadside or along driveway, of each of our "four words". Further updates will be forthcoming.

D – Membership Committee

New Member Orientation Classes were held on September 22 and September 29, 2013. These classes resulted in 7 new members signing the Membership Book. Two other attendees have subsequently signed as well. A new member ceremony and after-service luncheon will be held on October 20, 2013 for our new members.

Judy Zaczkowski has asked that she be removed from the membership role.

Membership now stands at 205 members.

E – Treasurer's Report

Report attached.

F – Financial Secretary's Report

Report attached.

G – Finance Committee

The October 2, 2013 Finance Committee meeting focusing on fundraising generated some good ideas and has resulted in a presentation on what fundraising contributes to the church that is on display in the Narthax.

The Finance Committee is in discussion with Webmaster Ken Schmidt about adding a “donation” button on the website. The only cost associated would be a small percentage of any donations generated. It has a great upside with no upfront fee, nor excessive costs or participation fees.

H – Stewardship Committee

No report.

I – Transition Team

Kristine Bowers reported that the Transition Team has been in contact with Mary Grigolia about training a Lay Pastoral Care Team. This would involve training a class of about 6 people who would ultimately be selected by the minister. These people would work in a rotation of 3-6 people to provide pastoral care to the congregation. Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner would be the support for the team after training. Following Judy’s eventual departure, the new minister could become the support or Mary Grigolia could perform that function for a fee. The training itself would require a \$500 fee inclusive. The Transition Team will ask Mary whether we could involve other interested local congregations to “split” the cost.

Dan Bond made a motion to approve the Transition Team to spend up to \$500 to have 6 members of East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church trained by Mary Grigolia to provide Lay Pastoral Care. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business

1 – St. Pauly Textile

This company wishes to enter into an agreement with East Shore with which they put a clothing collection container on East Shore’s grounds. See attachment.

After some discussion, this item was tabled. Treasurer Dan Bond will do further investigation into the company and the feasibility of the idea and report back.

2 – Lay Pastoral Care Training

Item was addressed in the Transition Team Report (I).

3 – Social Justice Priorities

The Board, going forward, will investigate what issues East Shore might want to become involved in amongst the stated current UUA Priorities with particular attention to Immigration Justice and Reproductive Justice.

Attached: see “Issue Priorities and Social Witness Statements”.

Unfinished Business

1 – Minister Search

The Board discussed, at length, all the various options that the congregation of East Shore may have in choosing a new minister upon the termination of Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner's contract next summer.

Dan Bond moved that the Board is resolved to seek a ¾ time Developmental Minister. The motion was seconded and approved.

Attached: see "Conversation with Keith Kron," "Conversation with Joan Van Becelare" and "Minister Package at Various Levels".

2 – Open Committee Chairs

Stewardship, Auction, and Social Justice remain as Committee Chairs that need to be filled. Some prospective nominees were discussed and Jason McCann will follow up with those ideas.

3 – Buckeye Charity Poker

Due to restrictions that the State of Ohio has chosen to enforce, Buckeye Charity Poker has ceased operations and our event with them has been indefinitely postponed. We will be under immediate consideration for an event if the State ultimately allows them to resume operations.

The Board will research if there are reasonably nearby out-of-state options similar to Buckeye.

The Board will investigate as to whether Horseshoe Casino – Cleveland is doing anything to pick up the charity business their creation helped to eradicate.

The Board will investigate whether sponsoring a "bus" to Horseshoe (or other nearby casinos) might be a viable fundraising activity.

4 – Entry Security

The Finance Committee is still investigating our options with Sievers Security.

5 – Sunday Announcements

Assignments are now current through November 24, 2013.

6 – Order of Service Template

The Worship Arts Committee has a template and is working on a final version and implementation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McGovern, Secretary

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 10, 2013 at 12:15 p.m.

Centering: Kristine Bowers

Monitor: Halcyon Domanski

Attachments:

October Action Plan

Minister's Report

R.E. Report

Treasurer's Report

Financial Secretary's Report

St. Pauly Textile Information

Issue Priorities and Social Witness Statements

Conversation with Keith Kron

Conversation with Joan Van Becelare

Minister Package at Various Levels