

East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

November 10, 2013

The regular meeting of the East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:10 P.M. on November 10, 2013, at East Shore, the Board Chair presiding and the Secretary being present.

Present: Dick Hurwitz, Jason McCann, Pat McGovern, Dan Waite, Kristine Bowers, Kaaren Biggin, Dan Bond, Halcyon Domanski, Rochelle Luckwitz and Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner

Absent: Mary Bender.

Guests: David Michel, Lynne Killgore and Sharon Waite.

Kristine Bowers opened the meeting with a reading for centering.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Dan Bond to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2013 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Action Plan:

Buckeye Charity Poker – Doing an out of state poker event is not a viable option. Busing to events in Columbus is also not feasible. Jason McCann is continuing to seek and investigate options.

Special Collections surplus investigation is still ongoing.

Reports:

A – Chair:

All items will be covered in New Business and Unfinished Business.

B – Minister:

Report attached.

The Transition Team identified 11 candidates and approached 11 members who seemed suitable for the Lay Pastoral Care program. 5 of those candidates responded affirmatively and will be attending Lay Pastoral Care Training with Mary Grigolia on January 18, 2014.

C – Religious Education

Report attached.

The vertical flags with our “four words” that were going to be mounted outdoors are on hold. The cost is more than the donor anticipated.

Halcyon Domanski reports that there are already four donors helping with this year’s Secret Santa effort.

D – Membership Committee

Sharon Waite reports that the new church directory should be out at the end of the month.

Caryl Church has asked that she be removed from membership of the church. The membership committee also recommended that three other members be removed from the membership.

A motion was made by Dan Waite to remove Caryl Church, David Cox, Meegan Cox and Karen Shelangoskie from membership of the church. The motion was seconded. After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Jason McCann to remove Caryl Church from membership of the church. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made by Dan Waite to remove David Cox, Meegan Cox and Karen Shelangoskie from membership of the church. The motion was seconded. The motion failed.

Membership now stands at 204 members.

E – Treasurer’s Report

Report attached.

F – Financial Secretary’s Report

Report attached.

G – Finance Committee

The church will be having a Quilts of Valor / Home of the Brave fundraising event take place. Lynne Killgore asks that the board waive the regular rental fee but not the maintenance fee for the event.

A motion was made by Dan Bond that the rental fee be waived for the Quilts of Valor / Home of the Brave event. The motion was seconded and passed.

H – Stewardship Committee

No report.

I – Transition Team

All items were covered in Minister's Report.

Unfinished Business

1 – Minister Search

Dick Hurwitz will form an ad hoc committee for our developmental minister search. It will consist of the Board Chair, two Board members and two members from the congregation. He will ensure it represents the different aspects of the congregation.

A motion was made by Dan Bond to authorize up to \$1500 for expenses that may come about directly related to the developmental minister search process. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2 – St. Pauly Textile

Dan Bond attempted to contact 6 churches in Ashtabula County that have St. Pauly containers on their property. Three churches responded and all reported favorable experiences with this organization.

A motion was made by Jason McCann to invite St. Pauly Textile to make a presentation to the board about their fundraising opportunity. The motion was seconded and passed.

3 – Social Justice Priorities

Tabled until December meeting.

4 – Open Committee Chairs

The Auction Chairs have been filled. Co-chairs Ken Schmidt, Dorothy Lemmey, Frank and Ann Jacobson will oversee the Auction in 2014.

We are still searching for Stewardship and Social Justice Committee Chairs. A number of people are being approached about Stewardship in the next few weeks.

5 – Entry Security

Tabled until December meeting.

6 – Sunday Order of Service Template

It will be ready by the beginning of the new year.

7 – Parking Lot/Driveway Proposals

Lynne Killgore solicited estimates from G.A.R. Paving for various scenarios regarding repaving and/or restriping the parking lot and driveway, as well as fixing the sunken drains in the lot. They need to clarify the estimates they provided and that will be provided at the next meeting.

The Chalice Lighters Grant needs to be applied for before January 1, 2014 and that process needs to be started.

Dan Bond made a motion to authorize the Finance Committee to proceed with the application for the Chalice Lighters Grant for the parking lot. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business

1 – Kirtland Play-to-Learn request

East Shore tenant Kirtland Play-to-Learn would like to add a class on Friday mornings and expand their rental agreement accordingly. (See attachment.)

A motion was made by Dan Bond that the Board advise the rental coordinator that it approves of the changes to the rental agreement.

2 – First Parish Meeting House

A request was made by Campaign for the Restoration of First Parish Meetinghouse to be able to directly contact our members by email. The Board will rather have the information posted in the Beacon and on Facebook to allow members to decide for themselves if they wish to help or participate.

3 – Ohio Artisans Fundraiser

Ohio Artisans make holiday ornaments that can feature the church's picture and message for use as a church fundraiser.

Dan Bond made a motion that we approve the Ohio Artisans Fundraiser with Robin McCann organizing the event. The motion was seconded and passed.

4 – Sunday Morning Announcements

Assignments are now current through the end of the year.

5 – Holiday Get Together

The Board will meet at its regular time in December. It may have a "get-together" following that meeting. Members will be notified.

6 – Holiday Gifts for Staff Members

Dan Bond made a motion that the board authorize holiday gifts of the same amount as last year for the employees of East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church. The motion was seconded and passed.

Kaaren Biggin will get the gift cards. Pat McGovern will research what was given last year and communicate that to Kaaren.

7 – Meetup.com

Rochelle Luckwitz found a new online social media site that may be useful for East Shore called Meetup.com. It does cost money: \$76/6 months although Rochelle has a 50% off coupon to try for the first 6 months. Rochelle will get with Pat McGovern of the Publicity committee and see if it worth pursuing.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McGovern, Secretary

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 8, 2013 at 12:15 p.m.

Centering: Halcyon Domanski

Monitor: Dan Waite

Attachments:

October Action Plan

Minister's Report

R.E. Report

Treasurer's Report

Financial Secretary's Report

Kirtland Play-to-Learn request

First Parish Meeting House letter