

MINUTES - BOARD MEETING

September 27, 2017 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Sarah McNeill, Kristin Zebrowski, Nancy Sumners, Renee Mendola, Christine Prado, Scott Jaeschke, Terre Balof, Larry Fredendall, Ginny Loy, Tom Heibel

Staff Present: N/A

Member present: Elizabeth Branstead

Guest: N/A

Check in and Opening Words – Sarah

Move to approve the August minutes.

- Motion: Tom
- Second: Nancy
- Approval: Unanimous

Member Communications- Elizabeth

- Stewardship Sunday is Oct 15th. Lunch will be catered by the 1826 restaurant.
- Board members received pledge envelopes and returned completed pledges to Elizabeth.
- This year's projected budget is 8% higher than last year.
- The 2018 goals are completed.
 - Grow the membership through worship and social action
 - Cherish our church home through long-term planning on spending priorities
 - Live our values through service, support, and partnerships in the community

Council of Committees- Christine

- The next meeting will be on Oct 11th and will focus on Stewardship.

Buildings and Grounds- Tom

- The new doors will be installed on Sep 30th.
- Will focus on becoming more organized for future building and grounds projects.
- The new garden will be planted on Saturday Oct 1st. We will coordinate with Terre to prepare a meal for the workers and volunteers.
- Discussed future care of the garden.

Motion to approve the following:

With the new plantings come renewed responsibilities. New plantings are delicate and demand special care and attention. To ensure that the landscape is not inadvertently harmed all work on the grounds must be approved and supervised by the Grounds Chair and/or the Head Landscaper. This includes watering, weeding, trimming, planting and feeding. This is especially important in the new plant area but also in the entire landscape as we will become a showcase for responsible, enlightened landscaping. Please allow the experts to guide us all.

Motion approved as amended.

- Motion: Tom
- Second: Nancy
- Approval: Unanimous

Minister's Report- Terre

- Roger Ray will not be coming on Oct 8th. Larry recommended a letter be sent to Mr. Ray clarifying errors regarding the UUFC in his YouTube sermon.
- Souper Supper will be held on Oct 13th. Family games will be available.
- Registration for the Upstate Pride Parade starts this Sunday. The Parade is Saturday Nov 4th in Spartanburg.

Finance Report- Larry

- Becky is checking on interest rates for new mortgage and closing costs. Costs should be comparable to current costs.
- Elizabeth needs more money for Stewardship.
- The projected budget deficit is \$3000-\$6000. The UAA has been informed that we will be short this year. There is \$2000 left in the Pathfinder fund which will be sent to the UUA.
- Request that Jeanine get her title back as Receiving Treasurer.

Nominating Committee- Scott

- Added 2 Board positions, at large and personnel chair.
- Solicitations went out in the weekly connection and on the website.

New Business- Sarah

- Joe Krause is interested in helping with the Trading Post, with the help of Renee and Carol Ward.
- All building air filters have been changed. Scott will take over filter change as a presidential duty.

- Discussed the need for improved safety measures and planning. Discussed creating a task force to create policy and coordinate with other committees.

Motion to appoint Ginny as the Safety Task Force chairwoman.

- Motion: Scott
 - Second: Renee
 - Approval: Unanimous
- Discussed Mel's request for the UUFC to support relief efforts in St. Croix.

Motion that the relief for St. Croix request be referred to the Social Action and Finance Committees.

- Motion: Tom
 - Second: Nancy
 - Approval: Unanimous
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- Will continue to support the Belk Charity Days as a fundraising event

Benediction

Adjourn: 8:30 PM