

Unitarian Universalist Church of St. Petersburg
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
June 11th, 2014

Present

Board Members: Jane Fanning, President pro tempore; Laurie Clement, Reggie Craig, Ian O'Hara, Cynthia Patterson, Dani Skrzypek, Lori Price and Katy Korb (ex-officio)

Clerk to the Board: Keevy McAlavy

Guests: Milagros Padilla, Arty Glove, Jim Peters, Raven Peters, Jessica Peters, Dale Potter, Barbara Riddle-Dvorak, Annie Hall, Deb Robinson, Michael Pohl, Pat Fearn (office manager) and Barbara Rowell

1. Jane Fanning opened the meeting at 7:00 PM
2. Dani moved to approve the agenda and Lori seconded. The motion passed.
3. Ian moved to accept the minutes from May's meeting as well as the June 3rd continuation of that meeting. Dani seconded and the motion passed.
4. President pro tempore's Report
Jane acknowledged that this would be the last meeting of the 2013-2014 Board of Trustees. Dani and Reggie will be completing their terms and this will be their last meeting as board members.

Jane reported that Jescia will setup a speaker phone for the smart church conference call at the church on Thursday June 12th.

Jane thanked Michael Pohl for the infonet pledge reminders. Jane reported that the 2014-2015 board is still in need of a treasurer. She also reported that Beth Fountain has offered to rewrite the church bylaws and that no deadline was given or expected.

5. Developmental Ministers Report
Katy reported that she had attended the ordination ceremony of her former RE director in Naples. She also reported that she has decided to retire this summer in Saint Petersburg and is now looking for a permanent home. She reported that she was asked to continue serving on the board of the Saint Petersburg Interfaith Clergy and she agreed.

Katy stated she would be attending GA this summer in Rhode Island and that she would be among attendees from the church who would make a report to the congregation on the last Sunday in August.

6. Treasurer's Report
Ian reported that the current bank balance stands at \$359.18. As of May 27th there was an accrued balance of \$2389.18 owed to the church in the endowment. Ian reported that there remains an amount owed of \$1976 to the TIAACREF retirement fund, \$780 of which will be paid by the end of the week. The balance was due to a clerical error on TIAACREF's part last summer.

Ian reported that the UUA acknowledged the church and thanked us for the \$1000 contribution we recently made. However this was less than the \$6795 fair share the UUA had requested.

Ian reported that the church's insurance company, Church Mutual was offering a cyber-protection plan at an additional cost of \$1000 a year. There is no deadline for enrollment but if the church wishes to obtain the coverage a re-enrollment would be required. Also the church's life insurance company Guardian Life requires a re-enrollment. The board decided not to pursue the cyber-protection plan but no vote was taken.

7. Old Business

Pat reported that a half dozen incidents had recently occurred where doors had been left unlocked at the church. She reported the church currently spends \$445 a quarter on alarm expenses. Pat's plan for revamping security at the church includes:

- * new security code for alarm system
- * new signs on doors restricting access to main entrances only
- * reestablish a keyholder list
- * update closing and lockup procedures for groups using the church

Laurie reminded everyone to use the sign-in / sign-out sheet by the office entrance when entering and leaving the building.

Dani suggested that each group needs a responsible contact person to understand the security procedures.

8. Ad Hoc Committee #2 Report

Cynthia reported that a budget of \$30,000 had been requested for guest speakers and pulpit fills for the upcoming fiscal year 2014-2015 but that only \$27,775 had been approved during the annual meeting.

Cynthia reported that the committee had updated the list of potential speakers available for the fall. She had two recommendations for the board. First that either Jane or Lori contact Maggie Lovins or Ken Hurto about adding more names to the list of ministerial candidates. Secondly, she requested that the board allow the Ad Hoc Committee #2 to continue for an additional six months to ensure continuity and to help the Worship Committee.

Dani asked to clarify what was meant by 'continuity'. Cynthia responded that if the Ad Hoc Committee #2 was unable to find 1/4 time ministers they would continue to help find speakers for the fall and to continue searching for pastoral care solutions.

Barbara Riddle-Dvorak mentioned that she would speak to Maggie Lovins before the conference call about suggestions for the church's pastoral care needs.

Laurie suggested we might be able to share a minister with other churches in the cluster since several of them are currently without ministers.

Ian suggested a music Sunday on those months that have five Sundays.

Ian moved to accept both recommendations. Lori seconded and the motion passed.

9. President pro tempore's Report continued...

Jane reported that the new bank signatures had been completed and that Laurie would submit the paperwork to the bank on Thursday.

Lori suggested that the board restart the program council and get the committees fully staffed.

Cynthia suggested that the church replace the committee structure with a more simplified system of ministry teams that would all meet on the same day.

Jane deferred the discussion of the future of Scope until the next month.

10. Church Rentals

Jessica, the events coordinator, reported that the single biggest issue with getting rentals was the state of the kitchen. She foresees the church being able to get \$16,000 per year on rentals once the kitchen is remodeled.

Jessica reported that she is looking into a partnership with Peaceful Parenting that would allow the group to rent the building and also get free advertising for the church. She requested that the board approve a once a month rental for the group for a minimum \$50 donation. The group would bring lots of parents and children to the church. They want to start renting in August. No decision was made.

Jessica was also concerned with how to find ministers to perform weddings.

11. Building and Grounds Report

Reggie reported that the kitchen remodeling project was moving forward. The Friday Night Picnic will be impacted by the remodel set to start in early July and they will not be able to use the kitchen.

Reggie reported that church is currently without a custodian. He suggested the church have two positions going forward. A sexton who would be on site eight hours each Sunday and be responsible for taking out the trash, unlocking and locking the doors and being in charge of security in general. A second position would be a one day a week cleaning job.

Laurie suggested having a professional company come out to strip and wax the floors.

12. New Business

Lori reported that the church would participate in the Saint Petersburg Interfaith week of July 13th through the 20th. The church will be listed in the program directory.

Jane suggested that the date for the new board retreat be on July the 9th.

Jane adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevy McAlavy, Clerk to the Board