

Unitarian Universalist Church of St. Petersburg
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
March 11, 2015

Board Members Present: Lori Price, President; Jane Fanning; Cynthia Patterson; Reggie Craig; Barbara Riddle-Dvorak

Absent, excused: Laurie Clement

Absent: Ian O'Hara

Guests: Rev. Jack Donovan; Sally Carville; Michael Pohl

1. Lori opened the meeting at 7:02pm.
2. Cynthia moved to approve the agenda, Jane seconded, motion passed.
3. *Minister's Report* – attached. Jack did want to highlight the following:
 - a) Need to grow a Membership Committee to take pressure off Dave and make the process of becoming a member more consistent. Jack will order lapel pins as gifts for new members, funded out of Minister's Discretionary Fund. Cynthia will purchase copies of "A Chosen Faith" to gift to new members. Jack will start a new course based on that book.
 - b) UUSP's new address will be 100 Mirror Lake Drive, after all paperwork is done.
4. *Treasurer's Report:* cautiously optimistic, finances are improving
 - a) The accountant states that she was directed to remove certain Designated Funds but Sally cannot find a record of this in BOT Minutes. If the BOT can be provided a list of those funds, they can vote on them at the next meeting.
5. *President's Report:*
 - a) Reminders given for dates for Smart Church, deadlines for Annual Meeting, special budget meeting (3/22) and Town Hall Meeting.
 - b) The Worship Committee requested that the BOT model quiet behavior during the postlude after Sunday services. The suggestion was made to put a note in the OOS regarding this.
 - c) Per Reggie, the HVAC is about 90% done, expect completion by the end of March.
 - d) The Endowment Fund will consider the request for socially responsible investing at its 3/24 meeting and provide a report to the BOT April meeting.
 - e) Since Ian did not get the list of nominees together for the Florida District UUA awards, Lori and Jill McCracken prepared and submitted five nominations:

Morgan Gresham and Michael Pohl – FLD Excellence in Religious Education
Jack Donovan – FLD Clarence R. Skinner Award
Joan Barclay – FLD Lifetime Achievement Award
Reggie Craig – FLD Unsung Hero Award
Nic Filzen – FLD Excellence in Music Award

The BOT regrets this missed opportunity to make well-thought-out nominations. In-house awards could be presented at the Annual Meeting. Reggie will contact Dave Coale about certificates used for awards in the past.

Consent Agenda Items

Jane moved to accept consent agenda items, Cynthia seconded, motion passed.

Old Business

Financial Review – tabled due to Ian's absence

New Business

6. a) RE requested permission to hold a publicly advertised Hogwarts Camp July 20-24. Motion to hold the camp made by Reggie, seconded by Jane, approved.
b) A donated TV will be installed in the upstairs Music Room for use by RE and the congregation. No financial expenditures, therefore no BOT approval needed.
c) Non-staff instructors are committed only through June. RE needs to work now to confirm their availability for summer, dependent on budget approval in April. Summer coverage was included in the RE budget submitted to BOT at 2/11 meeting.
7. The next Centennial Celebration will be held Sunday, 4/12, 5:00-7:00. It will include a social time, a presentation of a debate by UU historical figures and a ritual out on Mirror Lake. The public will be invited.
8. Canvas: Pledges have been received from 27 envelope numbers, totaling \$48,180.
9. Motion: That a copy of the combination to the safe be kept by the minister's office. Motion made by Cynthia, seconded by Jane, passed.
10. Jack and the Worship Committee wish to hold summer services in the sanctuary with music and an RE program and Jack will be in the pulpit two Sundays in June, July and August. Worship Committee will submit estimated cost for these extended summer services. Motion made by Jane to encourage the Worship Committee to go ahead with these plans, pending approval by the BOT of finances, seconded by Jane, passed.

11. Nominating Committee – Jane offered to chair, Jack offered to help; Karen Frank and Morgan Gresham were recommended to be on the committee. Jane will invite them.
12. Music funds in Endowment can be used for repairing the organ and tuning the pianos. We will ask Nic if it is worth spending the money on the handbells; should we continue that activity?
13. To protect congregants' privacy, no phone numbers or addresses will be included in Infonet or Facebook posts. Inquiries will be directed to the UUSP Contact Form.
14. Weddings – Jack will perform ceremonies for members while non-members will be referred to Dani and others. A plan for showing the church will be developed by Jack, Laurie and Dani.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held. No motions were made.

Cynthia moved to adjourn at 9:35, Lori seconded.

Action Items

1. Jack will purchase lapel pins, Cynthia books, for new members
2. Sally, acting Treasurer, will obtain a list of Designated Funds as of 6/13/13 for next BOT meeting.
3. Reggie will talk to Dave Coale about certificates for in-house recognition ceremony.
4. Lori will obtain contact information from Ian for person to do the financial review and follow up with that person.
5. Jane will contact Karen and Morgan for the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Dani Skrzypek
Temporary Clerk to the BOT