

HUUC Board of Trustees
Wednesday, March 8th, 2017
Board Meeting Minutes

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Present: Rebecca St. Clair, President; Jeff Ochsner, Vice-President; Tim Hamlin, Secretary;
Poppy Hernandez, John Wilkinson, Peggy Humphreys
Absent: Bruce Froelich

1. Chalice lighting / Check ins

2. Acceptance of February 2017 Minutes:

Motion by Poppy, second by Jeff; Minutes accepted as written.

3. Guest Presentation; Carlotta Bosse

Carlotta presented a proposal to allow her to run a clothing pantry out of the church. She ran one successfully, out of her home in the past with substantial neighborhood participation both in terms of those using the service and volunteers. Some volunteers were people with addiction issues and she felt she helped them. She met with some area churches and developed a working relationship with them. Her project, also, raised money for Relief for Life. She coordinated pop can drives for funds to buy laundry soap, some of which was given away. She has a couple of volunteers, she knows are available.

She suggested a possible schedule of being open once per month with other times being set by appointment. Most clothing would be stored in her basement and would be brought to the church, only after being laundered.

The board gave her encouragement and suggested she write up a formal proposal the board could vote on.

It was, also, suggested that she let the Social Action Committee know about this idea.

4. Committee Reports:

- a) Religious Education: Tim provided a brief report and informed the board that the annual cost for the Nepal scholarship was going up, this year, from \$300 to \$500.
- b) Finance Committee and Treasurer's report: Verbal report only by Rebecca. Committees need to get their 2017/2018 fiscal year proposed budgets to the Finance Committee soon. A pledge letter is being developed for distribution soon. Kurt Troutman has drafted a letter regarding fund raising for the lift in the foyer. Kurt may take over treasurer duties sooner than planned due to Bruce's recent medical issues.

- c) Worship: Still OK with services set for a comfortable distance into the future. Services going well. Still some unspent funds left in the budget for this fiscal year.

5. New Business:

- a) Broken window: Discussion of the recently damaged stained glass window on the upper level above the sanctuary. This window, apparently, blew out (or in) during a recent severe wind storm. John Wilkinson, now has time, and will take a look at it with the idea of, at least, filling the gap for the time being to prevent weather from coming into the building. It was agreed that a non-stained glass window would be OK if repair or replacement of the damaged stained glass window is too expensive as the position of the window (not seen, at all, from the inside of the church) is in a, relatively, inconspicuous place high up under the front soffets.
- b) Youth Group Interest: Several students from Reeths Puffer Schools have been attending Sunday Services and have, recently, expressed an interest in a youth group at the church. They indicated that their interest in our church has to do with human rights, same sex marriage, GLBTQ rights and other progressive values. There is a general feeling of support for this possibility.
- c) Tim's current duties: Tim did not have this but will produce it in the near future.
- d) Annual meeting date: This item was not on the agenda but a date of May 21st was proposed for the annual congregation wide meeting.

Motion by John Wilkinson; second by Jeff Ochsner to approve of this date; Motion approved.

6. Old Business:

- a) Lift for handicap accessibility: Rebecca reports we should be hearing, soon, regarding grant request. John Wilkinson has spoken with the city inspector as we need their input in order to go ahead. A drawing of the plans needs to be submitted and John is working on this.
- b) Chairs for back row of church: Peggy will contact Barbara Kidd to inquire about status of ordering chairs. Tim will send copy of member directory to Peggy (not done until 4-7-17).
- c) Space and Grace Team leadership: Marcia Hovey Wright has agreed to take over church remodelling projects.
- d) Service Auction: Rebecca is hopeful that the choir will take up this project. This will be brought up with them this week.

7. New Business:

It was mentioned that there used to be a 'church' sign for the church at the corner of Laketon and McGraft St. This sign is, no longer, there. Tim noticed on his way home, that evening, that there is a sign at Laketon and Montgonery (one block west of McGraft).

7. Adjournment:

8:20 pm: **Motion to adjourn by Tim, second by Peggy; approved**

8. Dates: Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 11th (day changed subsequent to March board meeting) at 7:00 p. m.

May Newsletter deadline: **by 5PM Sunday, April 23rd .**

Respectfully submitted:

Tim Hamlin
Board Secretary

Approved by the Board, as written 4-11-2017