

**HUUC Board of Trustees
Wednesday, September 14th 2016
Board Meeting Minutes**

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

1. Chalice lighting / Check ins

1. Acceptance of August 2016 Minutes:

Motion by Peggy with second by Poppy to approve minutes; Approved.

1. Guest Presentation; None

1. President's Report by Rebecca St. Clair

1. Rebecca reports there is not much to report on at this time except for what is, already, on the agenda. She passed around some miscellaneous mail for board members to take a look at, much of it material that will be posted.

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3. Committee Reports:

- a) Religious Education: Written report made available and short verbal report by Tim Hamlin:

- a) Finance Committee: Bruce Froelich; verbal report and written report:

We remain in good shape financially. We are very close to our goal for pledges for the fiscal year, of \$42,000.

Kurt Troutman will be taking over treasurer's duties after the end of this fiscal year.

Deborah Margules, Bookkeeper, has reported that we remain fiscally fit.

- a) Worship and Music: No report this month. Rebecca (chair) unable to attend meeting.

- a) Caring Committee:

No recent meetings. There may be some additional expenses coming up

in relation to Ona Margules' passing.

- a) Social Action: Next meeting will be October 16th with soup lunch on the 23rd.
- a) Space & Grace: John Wilkinson reports no recent meetings. Some recent work done on foyer.

1. Old Business:

- a) Black Lives Matter (various logos and buttons):

There was a discussion regarding purchasing various buttons for UU's to wear and the Black Lives Matter buttons in particular. Tim reported that he had attended the Social Action committee meeting and that it was the consensus of that committee to hold off on purchasing Black Lives Matter (BLM) buttons at this time as further work to both prepare the congregation for engagement on this issue and actual engagement was felt to be a more meaningful first step with regard to this issue.

After some lively discussion the board selected a number of buttons from the examples that Tim provided including the Black Lives Matter buttons as it was felt that the wearing of the buttons shows support and could help to stimulate good conversations on the topic. It was agreed that a forum to discuss possible implications of wearing the BLM buttons be offered in addition to providing the buttons to wear

Tim will order various buttons, about a dozen each of various buttons chosen up to a total of about 150 buttons.

There was a quick discussion of the use of a church logo for t-shirts to be worn by staff at the upcoming City of the Dead event. Rebecca suggested buttons instead of t-shirts since the shirts won't be seen under coats in cooler weather.

A motion was made by Jeff Ochsner and seconded by Poppy Hernandez that the church logo, as selected be approved for use on buttons (large pins) for the City of the Dead event. Approved.

Tim will order the buttons.

- a) Procurement of various goods for church:

Rebecca reported that a volunteer (Evelyn Peterson) is willing to be the purchaser of needed ongoing items for the church. She volunteered to take this on for this fiscal year, only.

- a) Fred Wooden consultations:

Rebecca has had some contacts about this and reminded the board that Fred is returning on October 23rd for a Sunday evening meal and conversation (potluck). We were also, reminded to be thinking about the challenge Fred gave at his last consultation which was to be thinking about where we want to be in one year and to think in terms of what is concrete and measurable.

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2. New Business:

a) 30 Days of Peace:

Various upcoming events at the church were brought up. The serving of alcohol was discussed. This is allowed if it is not sold.

A motion was made by Peggy Humphreys; seconded by Jeff Ochsner to fund up to \$150 for beverages to be served at the upcoming event. Motion passed.

a) Building Items/stair lift:

John Wilkinson reported that the chair lift is, again, broken and he recommends we seek an alternative and get rid of the current device as it is very old and likely to not stay in good repair as well as being a possible hazard if it stops working mid-stairs. There was consensus that John and Jeff will do research on alternatives to the chair lift. They were reminded that the window for submitting requests to use endowment funds is October 1st to December 1st.

a) Endowment requests:

The board was reminded (as noted above) about the endowment fund request window and it was suggested we be more deliberate in looking at what the board might want to support in terms of applying for endowment grants. Tim said he would send the old list of 'Church Needs' that he started some time ago to try to keep track of this, just for this purpose along with these minutes. A 'Hospitality Budget' for events such as 30 days of peace was added to this list during discussions tonight.

a) Bruce Froelich requested board approval for use of the building for an AARP presentation. Approved by consensus.

1. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by John Wilkinson, second by Jeff Ochsner; approved at 8:49 p. m.

1. Dates: Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 12th, 2016 at 7:00 p. m.

September Newsletter deadline: **by 5PM Monday October 24th** .

Respectfully submitted:

Tim Hamlin
Board Secretary