

HUUC Board Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2023

6:35 PM

Meeting Start: 1835 15 MAY 2023

Attendance

Poppy, Jim, Kurt, Robin, Carolyn, Jones, Rebecca, Sue, Nancy S, David, Matthew

Acceptance of Minutes:

Carolyn motion to approve, Robin Second, Unanimous Approval

Public Comment/Staff Update

Sue

Choir wrapping up 5/28 for the summer, resumes late August

Barb

No report

Matthew

Junes day long workshop/wrap up

How do we celebrate what we've learned?

How does that help us with next steps?

How are we planning ahead for more than just filling the pulpit?

Committee Reports

Finance

Everything is on track

Prepaid pledges for next year coming in, inflating numbers slightly

No concerns

Worship

All good, scheduled through August 6

Need someone for free speech Sunday (July 4th-ish)

Space and Grace

Clean up went well, still some work to do

Might be a good idea to do more frequently

Doing a dump day Saturday 5/20

Summer mode for maintenance

Membership and Caring

Rachel Snider and Johnathon Sanford are interested in joining

Rachel and Sam have a caring concern, 211 is an option, not a lot available in Muskegon currently

A process/procedure/policy for discretionary fund should probably be written down, giving bounds for how to request, who has authority to prove, amounts per individual/case etc

Looking at sustainability, equity, how its replenished, limits, how decisions are made

Jones Proposes to institute a \$200 per person/per fiscal year limit on discretionary fund requests before needing escalation to the entire caring committee at large
Rebecca Second, unanimous approval

Potentially reinstitute a monthly collection (noisy or otherwise)

Talk about some of the things the caring fund is going to (while preserving anonymity)

Social Justice

Tutoring is up and running at Bunker Elementary, people are enjoying it

Looking into Read Muskegon for the summer

Pride group is working hard

Leadership and Development

No report

Endowment

Needs new appointment before July 1

City of the Dead

No report

Business

Board commitments

Newsletters

June - Rebecca

July - Jones

Sermons

June - Jim

July - Jones

Childcare check in

Seems to be going well

Endowment Appointment

Need someone to vote on prior to June BOT meeting

Building request

Sunday May 28th

Conversation about menopause/Zoomba

Poppy motion to approve, Jones Second, unanimous approval

Saturday 5/20 Concert, Barely Saints

\$100 for refreshments

Budget/Pledge drive

Response has been pretty good

24 pledges, ~\$31,000

6 consistent pledgers who have not pledged yet

\$45,000 current projection (matching what was estimated)
Low budget option \$4k deficit, high budget option \$21k deficit
Don't want to burn people out while we build capacity
Pledge drive needs to start earlier for FY24/25
Starting minister on OCT 1 brings deficit down to \$16.5k

Annual meeting planning

Committee reports

Jones will email committee heads offering 3mins for annual report

Budget approval

Awards/recognition

An award for city of the dead?

Board and Leadership Development Nominations

Other logistics

Potluck

Workshop 5/21

Have space for talking about money, pitching high cost option for budget, making case

Provide pitch and vision for the higher budget

Community seems to respond well to the consultations, seems like we want a minister

We need to build more capacity to be able to sustain a minister (or continued congregation)

What are our plans? What does this budget get us? Where does it take us?

Don't want to lose momentum

Meeting End: 2016 15 MAY 2023

Carry Over to Next Meeting

Next meeting 1830 19 JUN 2023

Endowment committee appointment needed at next meeting

Regards,
Jones Barton