

Significant Board Motions 2013-14

July none

August

Motion: To transfer \$6000 from the CIF to pay for heating repairs to the Youth Lodge.

Motion approved: 5-0-0

September

The Board was asked to approve a UUA form about changes to the UUA retirement plan.

Motion: We authorize completion of the Employer Participation Agreement form by the President and Treasurer of the congregation in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Council.

Motion approved: 6-0-0

November

Plan to resolve USG's cash flow issue

Motion: Board authorizes Michael Campbell to transfer \$5000 from the endowment to the operating budget with the intention of paying it back by the end of the fiscal year.

Motion approved: 9-0-0

Safe Congregation Policy change

Motion: That the Safe Congregation Policy will be changed so that the background screening of workers and staff is consistent. It will say staff and workers "will have background screens annually or at such other interval that USG, in its sole discretion, may deem necessary."

Motion approved: 8-0-1

To enable a Feasibility Study in the next church year if the time feels right

Motion: Authorize \$30,000 in the 2014-15 budget from the Edna Jones bequest for a feasibility study and architectural drawings. The next Board will need to decide by September 2014 whether and when to spend it. If and when the money is released, MPIC may choose the architect and consultant.

Motion approved : 9-0-0

December

Motion: That Board approve Joan Javier Duval's ordination at USG.

Motion approved: 6-0-0

Motion: That USG continue to participate in the UUA Retirement Plan.

Motion approved: 6-0-0

USG will apply to JPD Chalice Lighters for an Innovative Growth Project Grant to upgrade the sound and lighting and provide video for the sanctuary.

Motion: That the Board approve sending the Letter of Intent to Apply and that the Board evaluate project options pending outcome of the grant.

Motion approved: 6-0-0

January

Vote for President for 2014-15

Motion: Dennis Strain is nominated as President of the Board of Trustees

Motion Approved: 7-0-1 (Dennis Strain abstained)

Proposed Policy and Procedure for Minister Review Process

This policy would supersede the June 2011 policy. Board felt having the evaluation of the previous year completed by the end of the church year and the objectives for the next church year set by the September Board meeting would be helpful.

Motion: to approve the Policy and Procedure for Minister Review policy with the timing changes.

Motion Approved: 8-0-0

Policy for Accepting Gifts to USG

Motion: to approve the Policy for Accepting Gifts to USG.

Motion Approved: 8-0-0

February

Motion: The Board authorizes spending \$5000 from the CIF general fund to match the \$5000 the anonymous donor offered in the event we receive the \$20,000 Chalice Lighter grant from the JPD.

Motion approved: 8-0-0

Motion: The Board resolves to withdraw \$10,000 from the CIF to meet our current obligations to the vendors involved in the Austin Youth Lodge tree removal which will cover our \$10,000 insurance deductible.

Motion approved: 8-0-0

Motion: To approve the Leadership Development Proposal.

Motion: 9-0-0

March

The Finance Council requested that funds be moved from the CIF to pay the UUA/JPD dues that were budgeted for.

Motion: Authorization to move \$22,344 from the CIF to pay UUA and JPD dues.

Motion approved: 8-0-0

April

Governance Task Force recommendation

Motion: That the Board delegate to the Minister, supported by a team of staff and lay leaders, the authority to manage the regular operations of the church (1) in accordance with the high-level guidance and strategic direction provided by the Board, (2) pursuant to policies adopted by the Board, and (3) in consultation and collaboration with the Board and others performing the function of governing the church.

Motion approved: 9-0-0

This will go into effect July 1, 2014, the Task Force will work between now and then on recommendations for implementation and the structure and charge of the task force going forward.

Finance Council recommendation

Motion: That The Edna Jones bequest be used to:

1. Pay off the current Sullivan Chapel loans
2. The remainder assigned to a capital account for the purpose of maintaining and improving the church building. The account will be administered by the Building and Grounds committee, which will present to the Finance Council a plan for allocation.

Motion approved: 8-1-0

May

Vote on Safe Congregation Policy: The Board intended to do this in November. Motion that it be approved effective November 2013. Unanimously approved.

Vote on Second Service

Motion: Continue the second service for another two years from the Sunday after Labor to the Sunday before Memorial Day.

Motion approved: 7-1-0

Capital Campaign Start Up funds There was concern about leaving the \$30,000 in the budget to investigate a capital campaign when we have a \$45,000 deficit without it. It was pointed out that taking it out of the budget, does not mean we do not have a capital campaign.

Motion: to rescind the vote on the \$30,000 that we put into the budget for use in start up for a capital campaign.

Motion approved: 8-0-0

June**Funds for the Youth Lodge Repair**

Motion: to transfer \$25,000 from the CIF to cover the expenses of the Youth Lodge repairs from tree damage with the expectation that the insurance company will reimburse amounts in excess of our \$10,000 deductible.

Motion approved: 8-0-0

2014-15 Budget

Motion: to accept the recommendation from the Finance Council of the 2014-2015 budget with the total deficit \$47,845 with the following adjustments: \$48,000 to be added to line 4680, this amount may be transferred in monthly increments at the Treasurer's discretion not to exceed the total amount of \$48,000 for the year. The budget as presented lists a heading for lines 5060-5062 as Bookkeeping Assistant, this should be changed to Consulting/Associate/Assistant Minister.

Motion Approved: 8-0-0