

USG Board of Trustees Meeting, July 22, 2014

Member present: Dennis Strain, Bob Williford, Linda O'Gwynn, Linda Brunn, Marina Patrice Nolan, Craig Miller, (a little late) Ann Schoonmaker.

Non-Members present: Rev. Kent Matthies.

Members absent: Scott Wolkenburg, Judy Rodes.

Motion: to approve the June Minutes

Motion Approved: 6-0 (Marina Patrice was not present at that meeting and abstained)

Marina Patrice Nolan was voted as Vice President, 5-0-1, with Marina Patrice abstaining.

Robert Williford was voted as Secretary, 6-0.

Church anniversary

Next year is the 150th anniversary of the church. Planning will begin this year. This item will be on the August Board agenda. The exact date is unknown but will be in September of 2015. There may be events throughout the year. The Board will ask the Ministry team for clarity of their role in this and how they can support the process.

USG Leadership orientation and training

August 20th there is a leadership meeting from 7 to 9 pm. Purpose of the meeting is to introduce new leaders in the church to the new governance structure and church process.

Other leadership trainings

JPD is offering a 6 session online training course plus 3 in-person sessions to be held on 9/20, 10/25, and 11/2 through HUULTI - Hybrid Online UU Leadership Team Institute. All in-person sessions are from 9 to 3. Dennis will email available information to board members. There is a \$50 fee. Linda Brunn will follow up on when the online sessions will be available. Board members will make use of the Board Fund to pay the training fee.

President's report

Dennis reported on the issues related to repayment of loans for Sullivan Chapel remodel. Apparently the loans were repaid without the church bookkeeper being aware of the payments. As a result the church overpaid the donors. The donors are aware of the overpayment and will be officially notified to reimburse the church. This issue is being reviewed for best practice. There was a question about the lack of two signatures on checks. It was thought that Board had approved the checks and so a second signature was not needed. It may have been the bookkeeper's error or a failure to notify the bookkeeper. The board has to review current policies and process under the new governance plan.

Governance update

Kent continues working on the implementation of the new ministry and governance structure.

Two service update

We have a plan for the two services to be distinctive. The 9:15 will be more contemplative and reflective. The 11:15 will be more of an uplift celebration of life. The administrators have all bought in to what needs to be done to have the two services go well. There is enough structure in place to have communications be clear going forward. It was noted that Mark will participate in the development of plans for the two services and be very involved in the actual services.

Youth Lodge tenant issues

The tenant in the youth lodge has had a very difficult year. First the tree fell on the roof of the building and now there is a bed bug issue. The tenant has indicated that they want to break the lease. According to the new governance structure this is now a ministry operations question. Both Linda and Bill are involved. It is not clear if the church has responsibility for the bed bugs. The church has had an exterminator in to treat the place. The tenant is now saying that there is now also a leak. B & G meets tomorrow night and will review this issue. The lease states that the tenant must give 60 days' notice of intent to break the lease. Legal council has been made aware of issues.

BOARD GOALS

As part of the discussion regarding board goals for the 2014-15 year the board reviewed the Governance and Ministry Task Force Working Plan as of 5/27/14. This task was suggested at the May Board meeting. The formatting of the document presented made task responsibilities unclear. The Board found the layout of the document confusing. It was suggested that the first column could be re-titled 'Functional Entities'. The second column could be 'Board' and the third column could be Ministry Executive Team or MET. It was also suggested that the form be reviewed for ease of understanding by all church members.

Motion: to adjourn at 9:32

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Williford