

UUCM Board Meeting July 19, 2017, 6:30 pm, draft

Attendance: Board President Jerry McKean, presiding. Past President Holly Hanauer, Community Minister Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Treasurer Jennifer Hollems, Vice President John Bartlett, Youth Representative Anna Dillinger, President-Elect Ginny Nilles, Secretary Sharon Seager.

Visitors: Coly Tabberson, Pam Harwood.

Motion

Holly Hanauer moved, and Sharon Seager seconded, to approve the Agenda as distributed. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2017 meeting, as revised. Revisions on p. 3 were to correct the title of Ginny Nilles to President-Elect, and to strike the words "very firmly."

The motion was approved.

Coly Tabberson presented to the Board his ideas about an Eagle Scout project for the church grounds. He plans to construct a Sensory Garden adjacent to the walkway leading to the RE area. He will design it to appeal to the senses: touch, smell, sight, taste, hearing. It will be a limited part of the overall Grounds Vision Task Force report. Tabberson has an advisory group of church members (Nadine Tringali, Bruce Craig, Jerry McKean, Holly Hanauer, Meg Calkins, Dylan Ford, David Calvin). He will write a more complete proposal, which will be circulated by e-mail to Board members for their comments and support. If approved, Tabberson can proceed to submit his proposal to the Boy Scout office.

Reports

President Jerry McKean reported that he has met with the Secular Humanist group, regarding implementing some Freethinker Friendly policies, and the tone of the meeting was positive for the most part.

Vice President John Bartlett reported that the Program Council did not meet this month. Several committees are re-grouping. Elsbeth Fritz will become chair of RE. Bartlett is concerned about the Social Justice Committee.

Youth Representative Anna Dillinger made a brief report. There appears to be support among the youth for the idea of a social justice project, but weak commitment to planning to go on the trip. In addition, some parents of the youth have questions and/or misgivings about the planning, leadership, adult supervision, and safety concerns.

New Business

Re. the Two Services, due to begin in September: Vice President John Bartlett is leading the Hospitality groups in re-organizing how their duties are carried out. Bea Sousa will help with the "social hour," which will replace the "coffee hour." Staff members are in agreement about the goals of Two Services (primarily to ~~increase membership~~), and are ready to deal with any problems that may arise. *accommodate growth*

A remaining task: The Board agreed to, and the Congregation approved of the holding of a Fall Fundraiser, to meet the additional expenses of the Two Services.

"bridge the gap" between the budget and expected expenditures"

Unfinished Business

Vice President John Bartlett reported that there are important problems in the planning and execution of Sunday Soup Luncheons. There is agreement that these luncheons serve important functions (fellowship, building relationships). Problems exist in execution (publicizing, planning who will provide soups and other items, serving, and particularly in cleaning up). Bartlett argued that these luncheons should be a function of the Fellowship Committee. That committee has not stepped forward to do this. Board members suggested that, at the very least, Alyssa Farnsworth must accept the help and direction of a co-chair.

Pokagon update

The persons who attended last fall's retreat at Pokagon State Park have raised enough money to repay the church for the outstanding debt owed to the church treasury. This was accomplished before the June 30 deadline they were given.

Those who plan/hope to attend the retreat this fall are planning a fundraiser in July, in order to finance a gathering in 2017.

President-Elect Ginny Nilles will review church policy regarding financing of "church-sponsored events." In the past, it has not been entirely clear whether or not the Pokagon fall retreat was a "church-sponsored event." If not, it should be self-sustaining.

Board members agreed that, however the financing is handled, there must be accountability, transparency, and that careful, consistent records must be kept. Receipts must be required and turned in for all expenditures.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Seager, Secretary