

UUCS Board Meeting

Minutes of Meeting October 13, 2016

Board Members:

Position	Name	Term end date	Present
Chair	LJ Frederickson	June 30, 2017	Yes
Vice-Chair	Petra Berger (resigned)	June 30, 2017	No
Secretary	Paul Parmley	June 30, 2017	Yes
Treasurer	Lorna Youngs	June 30, 2017	Yes
Director	John Prohodsky	June 30, 2018	No
Director	Susan Farris-Gosser	June 30, 2018	Phone
Director	Gloria Holland	June 30, 2018	No
Director	Stephanie Jernstedt	June 30, 2017	Yes
Director	Elenie Smith	June 30, 2017	No
Director	JP Batmale	June 30, 2017	Yes
Past Chair	(LJ Frederickson)	June 30, 2017	N/A

Ex-officio:

Position	Name		Present
Minister	Rick Davis		Yes
Intern Minister	Monica Tennesen Jacobson		Yes

Visitors: Ashley, Kaleidoscope parents/friends, Angela Gross, Lynn Cardiff

The meeting was called to order by LJ Frederickson at 6:08 p.m.

Chalice Lighting / Centering Thought

Reverend Rick Davis lit the chalice and said a few words to set the tone for the meeting.

Check in (just a sentence or two)

The members of the board did a brief check-in.

Membership Team presentation

Carolyn Woodman gave a short history of the Membership Team since she and Joel began leading it about a year ago. The Membership Team now has the support of nearly 40 people, including hosts. This year the Membership Team would like to increase focus on the welcome table, and is asking for the board to share in that responsibility. Each Sunday, new people, after signing the welcome book and receiving a welcome packet, are directed to the welcome table for more information. Carolyn asked for the board to help with the welcome table once a month, after both services, on the second Sunday of the month. The board agreed to volunteer one person each second Sunday to help cover the welcome table at both services. The Membership Team will send out a schedule so we know exactly what weeks need to be covered by the board.

Kaleidoscope presentation

Ashley introduced herself and thanked the families of her students for attending the meeting and supporting her. Ashley explained that Kaleidoscope, which is run from our UUCS facility, uses the Reggio Emilia approach to learning, with an art and nature based curriculum. The Reggio

Emilia approach requires children to be seen as competent, resourceful, curious, imaginative, inventive and possess a desire to interact and communicate with others. Reggio Emilia originated in Italy and pre-schools that follow this model have been hailed as the best pre-schools in the world. The values of Reggio Emilia schools are very much in-line with UU values, and have been associated with UU congregations in many other place. In March 2017 Ashley will be taking some time off to study in Italy in a Reggio Emilia immersion program. Ashley is currently the only Reggio Emilia program in Marion County.

Ashley went on to explain that she has worked very hard to get the school up-and-running, and now has a 16 students. Ashley has no current intent to grow beyond what she can personally handle – 10 students at a time. Ashley has spent time and money to get UUCS re-zoned as an educational facility. She has also spent \$1,000 to install a sandbox which is very important to her program.

Ashley made the following proposal to the board, and would like an answer from the board. She would like...

- a new contact person and approval process – possibly a committee including the various teams & groups necessary to approve changes/activities she would like to do on our grounds.
- a 7-day rental including a locked/dedicated space for her program.
- access for use of the preschool room, the baby room during nap time, possibly more with growth, the small kitchen, the commons area for activities and circle time from 8:30 – 3:30, as well as cubbies for the students M-F, the small yard for use as an outdoor classroom.

If her proposal is accepted, she is very willing to work with UUCS to accommodate special circumstances when we need to utilize her rented spaces.

Several of the parents spoke in support of the program. Reverend Rick spoke on behalf of the program. Rick feels like the school/program is a good fit with UUCS. Rick also stated that he would like us to be respectful of our current RE program. LJ thanked Ashley for her presentation and proposal. LJ apologized and took responsibility for UUCS not being better prepared to handle long term contracts and administration. LJ promised Ashley a response to her proposal by December 1st. LJ indicated that the board would be discussing the Kaleidoscope proposal at the board retreat on October 29th. Ashley and the parents were invited to stay for the remainder of the meeting, but they all chose to leave.

Lorna Y. would have liked a heads-up on the issues surrounding Kaleidoscope before the meeting. LJ was under the impression that the Kaleidoscope presentation was only going to be a presentation, and was unaware of the proposal. Susan F-G. would like to be part of the group discussing Kaleidoscope and the proposal.

Safer Congregations update

Stephanie J. spoke about Safer Congregations and handed out basic policies and procedures that UUCS could adopt. She is willing to work with the program and complete the process. LJ said that our liability insurance provider requires training for staff and requires UUCS to offer classes for the congregation. LJ and Rick D. discussed having a congregational meeting in January to discuss a number of proposed policies and would like Safer Congregation to be part of that. It is recommended that the Safer Congregations committee include a board member,

the minister, the head of RE, and two members of the congregation. Gloria H. and LJ have previously volunteered to help be part of the Safer Congregations committee.

Vote to accept meeting minutes
(from September 8th meeting)

Stephanie J. moved to accept the meeting minutes from the September 8th board meeting. Lorna Y. seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor of approval. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report questions

No questions on the **treasurer's** report. Lorna reported on the funds that had been donated to the Munsel property purchase. Some funds have been returned, and other funds have been allocated to other projects including the A/V update, and refinishing the wood floor in HH.

Minister's Report questions

There were no questions regarding the **Minister's** report.

Sound system update

Paul P. gave an update on the sound system. Progress is being made as much of the equipment has been agreed upon and ordered. Paul reiterated that it will take some time before the new equipment will be completely installed, and there will need to be much testing to configure the new equipment. Although, some specific pieces of equipment might start to be replaced fairly soon.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, November 10, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Parmley