

UUCS Board of Directors Meeting

Attending:

Christine Ertl
Robin LaMonte
Lynn Cardiff
Lisa Marcus
Janet Stevens
Christine Keese-Ferguson
Steve Ovens
Sharon Pearson
Rick Davis (Ex-Officio)

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chalice Lighting & Centering Thoughts:

The chalice was lit and centering thoughts were provided.

Visitors: Sara Pickett, Lily Walker

Reports

Worship Team Strategic Plan Report

This report was included in the Board packet. Sara presented a verbal overview of the report. The Team has worked with the reopening team to provide the safest environment to provide services, both in-person and only live stream. They worked with the Connections Team to develop a Coffee Service schedule for in-person fellowship times. They coordinated an outside service, a "Trim and Weed" service, with the Landscape Committee. They also worked with the Team Council to support Shared Ministry weeks during fall services.

Committee on the Ministry Quarterly Report

This report was included in the Board packet. The Committee on Ministry is meeting monthly on Zoom. The main focus has been to familiarize themselves with the Strategic Plan and its expectations and purpose for this Committee. They have discussed some additional ways to support all the ministries of the congregation.

Rick also reported on the process of appointing new members.

Music Monthly Report

This report was included in the Board packet. There was no discussion.

Lifespan Religious Education Monthly Report

This report was included in the Board packet. Lily presented the report. The LRE Team will pause regular Children's RE until the building re-opens. They will also be hosting a game afternoon on September 19 from 3-5 to give families a chance to gather in person outside. The Youth Program is currently inactive. LRE will seek a Volunteer Youth Leader to restart the program. Adult: Reverend Rick is planning a class to teach members of the congregation helpful skills for Preaching and Delivering a Message from the pulpit. Future: Lily is hoping to engage this children in a Haunted Bateman Woods event for Halloween, and hopefully get a group of volunteers together to build an Advent Spiral in Bateman Woods for the Christmas Eve Lantern Walk.

There was discussion about these plans and Lily was commended for growing the program in spite of Covid restrictions.

Treasurer Report

The report was included in the Board packet. There was discussion about what was included in the report. Sharon uploaded the August report to the September Board folder, and will replace it with the correct report.

Social Justice Team Report - None received.

Facilities Team Report - None received. Lynn provided a verbal report. There was a problem with closing the kitchen door, which triggered the alarm. This problem has been fixed. The AC and furnace were repaired but there have been problems with getting the systems working. There are two lighting systems: overhead and production and both should be installed by October 2.

There was discussion about the cost for responding to alarms. There is a sliding scale from \$50 for the first instance up to \$250 for a third and subsequent instances. There was a recommendation that the congregation be advised of the cost and to be careful when accessing the building.

The security team will review the procedures for securing the building and Janet will report back.

Janet moved and it was seconded to acknowledge the reports as received. The vote was unanimous.

Board Action -

The Board went into executive session to receive recommendations from Reverend Rick on persons to be nominated to the Committee on the Ministry. There was a discussion about the process. The Board voted via chat on the person(s) to be nominated. The Board authorized Rick to offer the appointment

to the runner-up if the person selected does not accept the appointment. The executive session was closed.

The Board discussed the donation and placement of a sculpture. This action was taken without Board approval. There was discussion about the responsibility of the Board, as documented in the bylaws, to approve all donations. The consensus was that the Board acknowledge this donation but also take action to notify the congregation of donation requirements.

Sharon moved and it was seconded that the Board acknowledge a donation of a heron sculpture from Randy Herrin. The vote was unanimous.

Information

Building Reopening

The team meets every week to evaluate when to reopen.

HHV Lease Agreement Update

HHV has provided edits to the draft lease agreement and the team will meet this week to review the edits and determine how to proceed.

Fundraising Committee

There are some concerts planned, but they will not be live. The decision was made to offer livestream tickets at \$5 rather than the \$20 for a live concert. The anticipated revenue will be reduced. A bingo night is planned for October. There is a potential to have a virtual auction.

Renaming Pianist to Music Coordinator

While Kit Abrahamson is working on a temporary work assignment, his title will be Music Coordinator.

Housekeeping

New agenda Items - Recommending person(s) to the Committee on the Ministry (see Board Action)

Gratefully acknowledging donation of the heron from Randy Herrin (see Board Action).

Thank you notes -

There was discussion about how to acknowledge contributions. There was discussion about the policy adopted by the Board and whether revisions are needed. Robin will send the policy to the Board for review.

September 13, 2021

James Schmidt for his presentation to the congregation at the first Sunday in August.

Consent Agenda

August 9 Board Meeting Minutes. There were no revisions to the minutes.

Lynn moved and it was seconded to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Assignments and Upcoming Events

- October Chalice Lighting - Chris
- Board Retreat September 27 @5:30 Sharon will host the meeting.
- Executive Committee October 6 @4:00
- Next Board Meeting October 11 @ 5:30

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.