UUCC Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 9th, 2018, 6:00-7:34 pm

Present: Camellia El-Antably: President, Hailey Ellingham: Vice President, Paul Howard: Treasurer, Natalie Vernon: Secretary, Sleeter Dover and Audri Mata: Members at Large. Absent: Lynne Weidel, Past President, and Garth Shanklin, Member at Large Also Present; Rev. Hannah Villnave, and Jack Runnels from the Committee on Shared Ministry.

Camelia opened the meeting at 6:09 with a Chalice Lighting. There was a reading from Rev. Hannah, and a short check in by those present.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Agenda for Current Meeting (January)
- b. Meeting Minutes: December 12 Board Meeting
- c. Staff Reports
- d. Financial Reports, November 2017
- e. Committee Reports, December 2017

Sleeter made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. This was seconded by Audri, there was no discussion, and the Motion was passed unanimously.

Minister Reports: Along with her written report, Rev Hannah gave highlights from her month since the last Board Meeting. She updated our information on her Fellowship Renewal Process, informing us she will have a meeting with her Fellowship Renewal Team on Jan 30th.

Also, an alert that as First Universalist Denver is undergoing renovations, they are unable to host the Youth Convention, and UUCC will host the 90 participants the weekend of Jan 13th-14th. As they will be attending Worship in Sunday the 14th, we will need to open the panels between the Social Hall and the Sanctuary to accommodate 90 additional people.

OLD BUSINESS

THANK YOU NOTES; Last Meeting Camellia suggested we reinstate the practice of Thank You notes from the Board to members of the Congregation. Those who brought cards signed them, and those who did not got their assignments for Devin Paterson, Ken Vernon and a "mystery donor" who will receive an appreciative note. These can be mailed directly or by Shelley Reher, Church Administrator.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS: The Board reviewed 2017/2018 Budget Schedule as a basis for the current 2018/2019 Budget Schedule. We also reviewed the Budget Worksheet which is to be filled out by any group requesting Church funds. This needs to be completed and submitted to Paul or Shelley by mid-February.

FLASH FUNDRAISER: We discussed having another Flash Fundraiser at the Service Auction, gathering donations from the Board first, and then having the Board ask the Auction audience to donate to create matching funds. We can ask COSM if they want to be involved as well. Camellia will ask COSM. Sleeter moved that the Board plan this adjunct Fundraiser at the Auction. This was seconded by Audri, and with no discussion needed, it was passed unanimously.

SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTING: It had been decided that COSM would take turns with Board Members to do the Sunday Announcements. The issue under discussion is that counting of the Sunday Offering baskets must be done by Board members. It was further decided that on the Sundays that the Leadership greeting was done by COSM, a Board Member would be assigned to show them how to do the count, and be the second person required to be present when church funds are handled.

FUNDRAISING POLICY CHANGES: Paul presented the fundraising policy changes that are proposed by the Finance Committee. Issues being refined are consistency of cleaning up from Fundraisers, and the handling of funds that will always be done by two staff people. This can involve a Board Member but does not have to. The Motion to approve the policies as amended by the Finance Committee was made by Audri, and seconded by Sleeter, with a unanimous vote.

CONCEALED CARRY GUNS/WEAPONS POLICY: Currently an individual needs Rev. Hannah's permission to carry a weapon, concealed or not, in the Church. The overall concern about giving such permission is that we have no mechanism to evaluate the requesting individual's capacity or expertise in terms of mental fitness and/or marksmanship. The discussion centered around a blanket policy disallowing firearms or weapons due to our not having organizational capacity to make relevant decisions.

Sleeter made the following motion: "UUCC does not allow firearms on its property apart from on-duty law enforcement officers". This was seconded by Paul, and with no discussion needed, passed unanimously. This will be posted and go into our announcements. Anyone who has issues with this policy is directed to Rev. Hannah.

REVIEW OF RETREAT GOALS: We reviewed the goals from our last Retreat, so we would be able to discuss these with COSM and LDT at the Retreat. We updated accomplishments and work needed as appropriate.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- UUCC Service Auction, Feb. 3, 2018
- UUCC Leadership Retreat, Jan. 20th, 1-6 pm

Respectfully submitted by email to the Board, and Rev Hannah for review and corrections by Natalie Vernon, Board Secretary, February 6th, 2018