

UUCB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, May 1st, 2018, 6:00-7:50 pm

Present: Hailey Ellingham; Vice President, Natalie Vernon: Secretary, Garth Shanklin, Sleeter Dover; Members at Large, Lynne Weidel, Past President, (by Skype), Absent: Audri Mata, Member at Large, Camellia El-Antably: Board President, Paul Howard, Treasurer.

Also Present; Rev. Hannah Villnave, and Joey VanSchalk as member of Compensation and Benefits committee.

Rev. Hannah opened the meeting at 6:09 with a Chalice Lighting, and a brief breathing and settling meditation followed by a short check in by those present and on conference call.

MINISTER REPORTS: Along with her written report, Rev. Hannah gave highlights from her month since the last Board Meeting. Rev. Hannah will be going to Boston for a UUA gathering of 1st Year Ministers. She has been elected to be the next President of the Cheyenne Interfaith Council. She also reminded us that there will be a New Membership potluck on May 17th, inviting all new members from the past 2 years. Hopefully a few Board Members can attend as “Mentors” to connect with these newer people and be sure we are meeting their needs and look at ways they might want to be more involved in the church.

THANK YOU NOTES: There was a request by Rev Hannah to write Thank you notes to all those who made the Installation Ceremony and Celebration such a success. CarolJean Bongo, Beth Howard, Gordon Johns, Ellen Stump and Camille Furney were thanked for their roles in handwritten cards from the Board. Rev. Hannah also sent her own personal thanks for the hard work done for her and the church by this team.

BUDGET COMMITTEE ISSUES: Joey VanSchalk brought requests from the Budget committee for increases in the budget for Religious Education Summer Camp. The first was a request by Mary Scherden for a change to the current years budget to \$750 to pre-order materials for the RE Summer Camp Program of 2018. Explanation of why this is needed was brought up. After discussion, Garth made a motion to approve the \$750 for this years budget. Sleeter seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Agenda for Current Meeting (May)
- b. Meeting Minutes: April Board Meeting
- c. Staff Reports
- d. Financial Reports 2018
- e. Committee Reports

A Motion was made by Hailey to accept the Consent Agenda as is. This was seconded by Natalie, and was voted on unanimously without further discussion.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA: The UUCC Annual Business meeting upcoming May 20th at the church was discussed. There will be no paper ballots this year. The Board will sign people in at the Sanctuary doors and issue cards to be used to vote. The sign in rosters will have all the church members listed, and only they get a voting card. Member Count as of this meeting is 127, so the Quorum needed if votes were held as of May 1st would be 33. Rev. Hannah and Natalie will assure this check-in/voting control happens. Shelley Reher will contact all members who can vote. If for some reason there is still confusion re: eligibility, congregants will be instructed to please call the Church office. Shelly will also provide the member lists for Natalie and another Board member to use at the Sanctuary doors at 12:00 pm on May 20th.

The Board went over the Agenda, and who was responsible for which sections. The tenday notice of the Annual Meeting has been publicized, and Meeting packets will be available in the Church lobby and on the Website. Packets will go out by soft copy by May 6th, and hard copy by May 13th.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA: WYO SAY NO: Rev Hannah asked for a motion from the Board to the Congregation to present the WyoSayNo statement that faith leaders can sign onto, as can congregations. This is in the form of a values statement, "as people of faith in Wyoming, we believe for-profit and for-profit prisons do not reflect our values". The Motion from the Board to the Congregation would be a request to endorse this statement along with our partner in Sanctuary, Highlands Presbyterian Church. The suggestion is that after the context is presented, people will have a chance to discuss this with their neighbors in the Sanctuary during the meeting as a way of getting input. Sleeter moves to endorse the statement and presentation to the Congregation. Hailey seconds this and the Motion is passed unanimously. Further it was decided that Camellia will invite people to consider endorsement, Rev. Hannah will present it, and Sleeter will make the Motion.

COMPASSIONATE CHEYENNE: Compassionate Cheyenne is an initiative the Board signed on to through its representative Beth Howard. There are numerous social justice projects the church can take on under this umbrella. The Mayor and the city council have declared they aim to get rid of the "blight" in Cheyenne such as the trailer communities on the So. Greeley highway. This and the fight vs the for-profit Immigration center in Evanston could give the Congregation inspiration, direction and new initiatives. Rev. Hannah and Sandi Gaulke have been gathering stakeholders and setting priorities to present soon. The Agenda for the business meeting is too full on May 20th.

UUCB BACKGROUND CHECKS: The issue of who gets what kind of background checks came up in the Compensation and Benefits meeting. They passed this issue on to the Finance committee. Discussion ensued, with the decision that a policy would be drafted by Camellia for the next Board Meeting. It was clear that we need more considered study to make an informed decision. Best practices at other Church's and the UUA will also be consulted.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ATTENDANCE: Camellia has expressed an interest in attending this year's General Assembly in Kansas City as a Delegate. Since there is no specific fund for this, Garth suggested and Sleeter proposed that we allocate \$150.00 to offset her costs for attendance at GA on the Conferences and Meetings Line Item. Also that we approve of her as a Delegate. Garth seconded this Motion, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by email to the Board, and Rev Hannah and Shelley Reher for review and corrections by Natalie Vernon, Board Secretary, Tuesday May 30th, 2018.