



UUCK Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes April 26, 2023

I. Call to order

In attendance were Don Gregg, Heidi Shaffer Bish, Liz Bright, Kara Kramer, Reverend Steven Protzman, Diane Kloss and Carol Weigand. Susanna Smart was absent.

After a brief check-in the meeting started at 7:00 PM with Reverend Steven offering a reading and lighting the chalice.

II. Announcements

There will be no Board Breaking News this month because the Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 28.

III. Approve Prior Minutes

Minutes from 3/26/23 and 4/10/23 were revised and approved by consensus.

IV. Consent Agenda

Rev. Steven presented his monthly Minister's Report.

Highlights included myriad meetings and assistance with the pledge drive. He wrote a column for Voices of Faith which will appear in local newspapers. He signed a contract for the solar panel project. He also participated in a walk-through of Hobbs Hall to address remaining items needing attention.

Treasurer's Report

"...current numbers are encouraging that our income will exceed what was projected when the budget was created a year ago. I anticipate that the amount we will need to borrow from the Endowment Fund will be less than planned."

MET Agenda

The MET expressed appreciation to Julie Swango and Katie Kuras for their hard work.

Rev Steven reported that there are currently no applications for the Pro Tem Music Director position.

There was discussion about whether the Hobbs Hall Library which is currently being used as the Nursery can be used as a library and meeting room. CART [Campus Action Rental Team] consulted with RE leaders and youth and reported that RE is willing to shift classrooms. Rev Steven commended CART for this inclusionary process.

The MET has requested a meeting with Heidi regarding sign proposals.

The MET is aware that if the congregation votes to change the bylaws to allow a 5th member on the MET at the Annual Meeting an election will have to be held promptly.

V. Post Informational Meeting Discussion

There were approximately 20 members in attendance. Questions centered on the budget. Lois Weir agreed to post a line item budget on the church website. Members should also be encouraged to read the annual report on the website. Kara said that we need to consider a date for an extra meeting if the budget is not approved at the annual meeting.

VI. Review and Endorse the Slate of Candidates

Kara moved to officially endorse the proposed slate. Diane seconded the motion, and it was approved.

VII. Final Annual Meeting Agenda

There was discussion about the proposed bylaw change eliminating the GET. Kara asked about the role of the GET trustee. Don said it's covered because the moderator can appoint someone. After a careful review of all bylaw changes Kara said she would send the information to MaryBeth. Heidi made a motion to approve the new verbiage, Liz seconded it, and it was approved.

As part of the agenda the Board agreed to have a congregational vote to approve the prior minutes first. Then the congregation will vote on items as a block rather than separately. This will enable members voting on Zoom to participate more easily. The agenda was approved by consensus.

VIII. Campus Sign Update

Heidi presented information about the stringent requirements of the City of Kent for signs. She showed mockups of signs which can be fabricated by Advanced Display Signs in Kent. A sign for Hobbs Hall will cost \$5,125 and \$ 512 for installation.

IX. CART (Campus Action Rental Team)

Diane reported that about 25 people attended an enthusiastic initial meeting. They will meet once a month and present a business plan to the Board and MET by the end of June. Rev. Steven asked who will write policy to balance rentals with UUCK use of our campus.

Diane made a request for \$150.to provide food and beverages for CART. It was approved by consensus.

X. Delegates for GA

Vivien Sandlund, Kathy Kerns, Elaine Bowen and Lee Brooker have expressed interest.

XI. Process Review

It was a pleasant and productive meeting.

XII. Extinguish the Chalice and Adjournment

Rev. Steven extinguished the chalice and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Weigand, Co-Secretary