

UUCSR Board Minutes

Sept 19, 2013

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting: Rev Chris

Meeting Called to Order: 6:36p.m.

Members Present: Jeanie Bates (President), Lois Bell, John Farison, Alan Proulx, Linda Stabler, Marge Wright

Members Not Present: Susan Bartholome, Joe Como, Laura Jean Hageman (Vice President). Cathie Wiese

Non-members Present: Rev Chris, Linda Balabanian (Treasurer), Sibyl Day (Corporate Secretary), Jan Prater (Recording Secretary)

Agenda Review: Sibyl Day agreed to be Timekeeper for the meeting

Minutes Review: Minutes from August approved. Goodbye and thank you to Recording Secretary Jan Prater [and thanks from me too] -Terry Graham will start next month. Also, Peter Wilson has resigned from the Board however we will just continue with the remaining 10 members.

One-on-one: Rev Chris

Open Mic: (Rev Chris) We are going to have another Revival coming up May 18, 2014. Petaluma, Marin, Napa and Lake County are "in." The site will be in Penngrove, in down-home-country style. This will also be a District-wide Youth event. And yes, there will be a tent! Jeanie attended the first meeting and is hoping another Board member will join her for the next one.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: (Linda Balabanian) We're generally doing well. Board members reviewed the Summary Treasury Report including: Pledge revenue up, Sunday Baskets down a little, larger than expected Utilities bill - which will be checked into, cash remains strong. The Endowment Fund is at \$147,000 - better than it's been in a long time - so we are looking at best ways to spend this to bring to light how meaningful these funds can be - and encourage more donations.

Facilities Report: (John Farison) Reported on Operations Team Discussion including one major issue: Electrical Panel Obsolescence (currently safe, but does not meet code). We have a bid from Linardi Electrical (who did the original design for the building) for about \$35,000. This quote is based on a Design Proposal, paid for already, done by an objective party. The project would take 3 days and could possibly happen in January. Marge Wright moved, Jeanie (2nd) to proceed by getting a second bid, and also a cost breakdown of the first bid - and the motion passed.

Also, looking to create a UUCSR Facilities Planning Team. John has a concern about using all volunteer labor re: safety and liability issues. He suggests Sat Work Parties should include safety discussions and determination of appropriate risks.

There is a 7th Principle group here pressing for replacement of all the lightbulbs to more energy efficient ones. This could cost \$10,000 however PG&E has a deal to pro-rate called "On Bill Financing" which could be good - still working on this...

NEW BUSINESS

CUUPS: Rev Chris offered to be the sponsor in the request for registering a CUUPS chapter here (there is a formal application process.) Mel Jones says attendance so far has been from 4- 19 people. He described that this group is connected by the Sonoma County Pagan network. Their goal is to provide education, worship opportunities and to celebrate the holidays of the Sabbot calendar. Alan moved that we support a creation of a CUUPS chapter and authorize payment of a \$35 registration fee. Marge (2nd) - motion approved.

Final Budget: Linda Stabler reported that expenses have gone up 7.4% (5.6% actuals) due to modest raises for staff, etc. Alan made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Final Budget, Marge (2nd), motion passed.

Preparations for Congregational Meeting: (Jeanie)The Youth Group will provide the breakfast before the meeting. The Goal Groups will present. Linda Stabler will gather any info for the Power Point - needed by Oct 6. Appreciations will go to: Lucia Milburn, Pam Tennant, Erin Houseman, Pat Warner, and Bud Willis. Cathie Wiese will do this. Jeanie will send agenda for Congregation Meeting out to Board.

Islamic Society Lease:(Jeanie) David met with tenant re: lease and next it goes to their board.

Music Director Status: (Rev Chris) An initial meeting about the Music Director opening was held and it was decided that in order not to feel rushed and because of Chris's upcoming sabbatical, only an Acting Directory is needed for now. The position could be either a 12hr combination Accompanist/Choir Director or two separate 8hr positions. The hiring committee will meet soon to pursue this. It was suggested that Nancy be a consultant in the hiring process. It is recognized that music is Very important to many congregants. Oct 27 will be Nancy's last time here and we will celebrate after that Service. David and others in our music committee can send a budget estimate for the festivities to Linda Balabanian.

Lois Bell suggested the Board might have a table Sunday mornings - staffed by Board members - to connect with people.

There will be a Committee Fair on April 27.

Appreciations and Reflections: Thanks to Linda Stabler for a wonderful dinner! Sexton Phil Butterfield was suspended for 3 days.

Closing Words: Marge Wright

Adjourned: 8:46 p.m.

submitted by Jan Prater