

UUSMC

Board of Trustees Meeting

4/19/16

Present: Judy Pappenhagen, Bruce Koepcke, Tracy Morgan, Larry Stomberg, MQ Riding, Ivonne Antongiorgi, Rev. Greg Pelley

Excused: Mary Pat Knauss

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Rev. Pelley lighted the Chalice and shared a spiritual reading by Rebecca Goldstein" From: Betraying Spinoza: The Renegade Jew Who Gave Us Modernity".

2. The minutes from the March Board meeting were approved.

3. The Board discussed a request made by Eileen Selph to have the church sponsor an event by the Veterans for Foreign Wars (VFW Post 475) homeless group in Newark where she will be a participant. The church logo would be placed on the back of T-shirts of participants in this running event. After deliberations, the Board voted to approve Ms.Selph's proposal and agreed to create a policy in which members of the congregation have the opportunity to use our logo appropriately with the Board approval. The Board will review these requests on a case-by-case basis and will involve the Marketing Committee in the decision-making process. In this particular case, no church funds are used and Ms. Selph is making a personal contribution to cover the costs involved.

4. Board Goals

- Re – The Board is continuing to move forward with recommendations and goals coming from the focus groups held last fall. Goals are expected to be fully developed by next year.
- Strategic Planning – The Committee continues to move forward with the DNA (core values) project and is planning to meet on May 14 at the Leadership Gathering.
- Leadership Council – A variety of ways to get input from the congregation are under consideration, such as, collecting personal stories on video tape, input from Chalice groups and Choir.

5. Treasurer's Report

- The Finance Committee is staying on track to meet the budget. Several options are being discussed in regards to the \$25,000 shortfall. More specifics will follow by the next Board meeting.
- The revenue from the Service Auction was \$19, 253. A special thanks to Adam Kegley and the entire team for pulling together another successful event.

6. Minister and Staff Reports

- Information on workshop attendance was discussed. The average numbers continue to be steady.

- The Ladies Art Club led by Jo Worme meets every Wednesday. Attendance is very good and people are very excited about it.
- Rev. Pelley will be getting proposals to upgrade the office equipment or software given that MS Windows XP will no longer provide support or security updates. It was suggested he contact Will Johnson (member) to get quotes.
- A new UU class will be offered by Mary Higgins for new members, interested volunteers, and others. The course is called "The New UU" and begins in May.
- The Membership Committee is working on a process called "Full Spectrum of Membership" to move people from curious individual to welcomed visitor to engaged participant to integrated leader.
- Delegates to the JPD Conference held April 8-9 voted to dissolve the Joseph Priestly District as part of its reorganization and transition to Regionalization.
- Members are encouraged to attend the General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, June 22-26. Our church will be allotted 3 voting delegates.
- Rev. Pelley is planning to implement a new model of Hospitality. Teams will be comprised of current volunteers and fed by new members. The teams will follow rotating schedules and other Sunday morning responsibilities will be included, such as, greeters and ushers.

#### 7. Other

- Healthy Congregations – will re-start soon as some people had been away traveling.
- Solar Panels – discussion continues on the feasibility of installing solar panels at the present time.
- The Communications Committee is gathering information and evaluating options on the chalice/signage for the building.

Rev. Pelley closed the meeting with a spiritual reading.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ivonne Antongiorgi

Secretary

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