

UUSMC Board of Trustees
Minutes of October 15, 2013 Meeting

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

Present: Tina Guerette, Mike Hilgart, Mary Pat Knauss, Brenda Levin, Jamie Kegerise, Matt Doty, Jeanne Hanson

I. Check in and Chalice Lighting

II. Treasurer's Report / Finances

The board reviewed, in advance of this meeting, the following documents: 1) 2013-9 Bookkeeper Notes, 2) 2013-9 Financial Statement, 3) Pledge write-off analysis.

- a. Mike clarified with Adam the projected shortfall for this fiscal year. The projected shortfall reported last month was incorrect. It should have been around \$13,000 instead of the reported \$6,000. The \$13,000 shortfall has since been reduced to \$10,000 due to greater-than-anticipated collection on prior year pledges. Mike reminded the board that this projected shortfall includes our previous commitment to take \$19,000 from reserves. In other words, the present projected difference between revenue and expenses for this fiscal year is \$29,000.
- b. The board agreed to review the list of prior-pledging members and contact them as appropriate.
- c. Adam final information on Rev. Hull's October paycheck by October 25.
- d. The projected shortfall includes anticipated service auction revenue of \$16,000. At present, no one has volunteered to organize this event. Jeanne is discussing with her chalice circle
- e. The board approves a \$100 expenditure from the board discretionary fund as a token of appreciation for Roger Boyce, a fire suppression consultant who has volunteered his time to help us solicit and evaluate contracts for annual maintenance of our fire suppression system.
- f. Matt Doty will contact Matt Nolan to work out the appropriate path for requesting approval of the funds necessary to accept the recommended fire suppression contract.

III. UUSMC has received a request from AT&T to sign a long-term lease for a cell phone tower on our property. Preliminary information indicates that the lease would require a plot of land 50 feet by 50 feet. The tower would be approximately 80-120 feet high. AT&T is interested in a 5 year lease with four options for renewal, for a total of 25 years. The proposed rental rate would be \$1250-1500/month. Additional revenue is possible if other carriers subcontract use of the tower, from which we would receive 10%

of additional income. This is a source of potential revenue, but there are clearly substantial aesthetic, environmental and other concerns. The board will be soliciting additional information from AT&T before further consideration of this proposal. Desired information includes an example lease, potential language for return of the site to prior conditions after the lease ends, a site plan of the proposed location, architectural drawing of the proposed (or similar) tower, references of other churches that have signed such agreements and examples of actual additional revenue realized at other locations. Tina will follow up to gather this additional information, hopefully in time for a preliminary discussion at the next leadership council meeting.

IV. The board met in Executive Session to discuss ongoing conversations with Rev. Hull

Brenda and Tina met recently with Rev. Hull and Rev. Richard Speck of the JPD. Rev. Hull reports that he will be unable to return to work for the foreseeable future. The board is continuing to discuss possible paths forward with Revs. Hull and Speck.

V. The Chili cookoff will be on Saturday, October 26 at 6 pm.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.