

UUSMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2014

Present: Mary Pat Knauss, Tracy Morgan, Jamie Kegerise, Greg Pelley, Ivonne Antongiorgi, Jeanne Hanson, Bruce Koepke, Adam Kegley

Old Business:

September Board minutes were approved.

- 1) Treasurer's report
 - a) The Board is reminded that we need to find someone(s) to run the pledge drive.
 - b) We're in good shape financially and will probably remain so through the end of the year, depending on the Service Auction. (Mary Pat will report back next month about leadership for the auction.)
 - c) We need to look at asset accounts. The finance committee is asked to propose a policy for handling these accounts.

- 2) Minister's report
 - a) Greg wants someone to participate in cluster meetings. A few suggestions were provided which he will pursue.
 - b) Greg is forming a Stewardship Ministry Study Team to help develop a culture of Stewardship within UUSMC. This team may choose to take on the annual pledge drive in the future. Greg needs suggestions of names.
 - c) Greg will find our Memorial Garden policy and procedure.
 - d) The communications team will be making several changes. Greg wants to replace current email blast with weekly email newsletter with coming events. *The Grist* would have fewer announcements and more reflective articles. Bruce is working on VerticalResponse.com. It can handle data, has templates, etc. It will be less effective if we can't have a place to store PDFs on our website to click to. Bob, Debbie and Greg will work out the details.

- 3) Amazon Smile. Greg and Debbie are working on it.

- 4) An update about an Installation Ceremony was tabled until next month..

- 5) Safe congregations.
 - a) Greg will get a committee organized. The team should propose policies for the Board to adopt. The committee should have a draft policy by January.
 - b) The group session with the counselor with the kids went well. She concluded that the kids are feeling safe. The congregation will be informed of the result.

New Business:

1) Religious Exploration:

- a) It's one of the Board's top priorities.
- b) Overall concerns: Teacher equipping, inconsistency in the program, too much time developing curricula when curricula are available
- c) Goals
 - i) That every child has a place to go for RE every week
 - ii) Lesson plans are available for all teachers, every age level, all year.
 - iii) There is a communication gap between the RE program and the rest of the church, which should be bridged as much as possible.

2) Leadership Council

- a) Possible meeting Saturday, November 15, at 10 AM
- b) Bruce and Mary Pat will discuss the goals, invitees, agenda.

3) Finish strategic goal work

- a) Social justice. After discussion it was agreed that the Social Justice committee has good momentum. In the spirit of narrowing our focus, the Board agreed to remove Social Justice from our priority list for the year.
- b) Mary Pat would like other board members to help write *Grist* articles. She was encouraged to issue a schedule rotating this responsibility throughout the year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM