

## UUSMC Board of Trustees Meeting

November 18, 2014

Present: Mary Pat Knauss, Bruce Koepcke, Adam Kegley, Ivonne Antongiorgi, Jamie Kegeriese, Tracy Morgan, Jeanne Hanson, Rev. Greg Pelley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes –

The October 21, 2014 Board Meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

2. Role of Secretary –

Jeanne Hanson had expressed her desire to resign as Secretary. A motion was presented and approved to appoint Ivonne Antongiorgi as the new Secretary through June 2015.

3. Treasurer's Report –

The Finance Committee is working on procedures regarding asset accounts. The committee is also exploring the use of credit cards for payments and donations. Transaction fees could be a concern. They will look at options available and submit recommendations to the Board.

The decision regarding appointment of a leader for the budget drive was deferred pending development of an overall strategy for the event.

4. Minister's Report –

A motion to approve a request by the Worship Team to increase a line-item budget by \$500 for Sunday services was approved. The request is based in anticipation of Sunday services in June 2015. Every effort will be made by the Team not to exceed the current budget of \$2,000 for honoraria.

The Christmas Eve Service will be at 7:30 pm.

In response to the Adult RE program request to be designated an official committee, and in recognition that Adult RE is part of the structure of the church, the Board approved a motion to have Adult RE develop a charter and mission to be granted committee status.

The Social Justice Committee requested guidance concerning involvement in the New Jim Crow movement and a clemency petition to Governor Markell for non-violent offenders. The Board decided and reiterated that individual members of the congregation are at liberty to sign the

petition as individuals The church will search for a process to address how best to involve the entire congregation before signing as co-sponsors . Rev. Greg will follow-up with the Social Justice Committee on this.

The Board is very appreciative of the work of the RE program as it continues to review and build on its growth and development.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Leadership Development focus

The Leadership Council met on Saturday November 15 to present and discuss committee reports. Growth was discussed as a priority. A 3-session Leadership Development course will be offered quarterly starting in February. Bob Broessler and Linda Lucero will work with Bruce Koepcke as co-leaders. The topics are: Sensibility, Skills and Self. Members of the congregation are invited to participate.

### 2. Miscellaneous

#### a. Liaison to Pastoral Care Team

The Board has received a request from the Pastoral Care Team to establish a liaison with this committee. The Board agreed that Rev. Greg is the appropriate liaison. This was followed by a general discussion about the role of liaisons and our desire to have an open communication with all committees and the congregation.

#### b. Building & Ground Requests(Air Conditioner cages and window treatments)

A risk-assessment was conducted following this request and it was concluded that potential damage to the property as a result of theft was low. Church Mutual Insurance is being contacted to determine if the insurance company has formally amended our policy and could deny a potential claim based on their representatives recent letter. The Board is looking at a more effective use of resources.

#### c. Service Auction Leadership

To date, a chairperson for the Service Auction has not been selected. A date is yet to be determined.

d. Board Grist article schedule

– Board members will rotate every month for articles for the Grist.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ivonne Antongiorgi