

UUSMC Board Meeting

January 20, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

I. Approval of December Minutes

The minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report

Financially, we are breaking even halfway through the year. Our budget anticipates using \$27,983.00 from our reserves. Any deficit spending would result in us having to use more from our reserves, and conversely, improved income and lower spending would mean we would use less of the reserves. Also, members/families are urged to consider raising their financial contribution to the church.

The committee sent a note for the Grist explaining our financial position/concern.

The committee requested more time before making final recommendation to the Board on electronic contributions.

III. Minister's Report

Attendance on Sunday Services is going up. Christmas Eve Service attendance was 121.

Approximately 30 people attended the Solstice celebration on December 20.

The Generosity Ministerial study group has begun and is using "The Generosity Path: Finding Richness in Giving" by Mark Ewert. Social Justice Committee is working on Souper Bowl Sunday fundraiser. Adult Religious Exploration and Youth programs including OWL, have good attendance and participation.

Rev. Pelley will be participating in professional development programs for Ministers in CA(February) and Boston(May). He continues to meet with his clergy group, a Lectio Divina group, and UUMA meetings. Rev. Pelley may be joining the Board of the Murray Grove Retreat and Renewal Center.

IV. Leadership Council

The Leadership Council will be held on Saturday, February 7 at 10 am. This program also marks the beginnings of a leadership development program for the church. Committee Chairs and Board members should make every effort to attend. All members of the congregation are welcome. The program will conclude with a networking luncheon.

V. Service Auction Leadership

Adam Kegley offered to be the manager of the Service Auction this year.

Bob Broesler and Tracy Morgan will lead the pledge drive.

VI. RE Program

There was discussion about our aspirations for the program and the DRE job description as well as roles and responsibilities for the RE Committee. The topic was then tabled until future meetings.

VII. Finding Our DNA

We are entering a process of discernment of the values, beliefs and mission of our church. The two year process will involve an in-depth look and assessment of our church with the objective of providing an answer to the question of Why we are a church. The Board will work with Rev. Pelley to determine the specific details and participation over the next couple of months.

VIII. How to keep flying the plane in the meantime

The Board continues to review policies and structures and will be making the necessary adjustments accordingly.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ivonne Antongiorgi
Secretary