

## UUCA Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Sandburg Hall

6:30 p.m., May 2, 2017

**Present:** Kay Aler-Maida, John Bates (ex officio) Michele Gregory, Judy Harper, Kate Hartnett (virtually), Bruce Larson, Diane Martin, James Schall, Dale Wachowiak, Mariah Wright, and Laura Park (Unity-St. Paul consultant, virtually).

**Chalice Lighting and Opening:** Bruce

**Core Values Review:** Laura Park led us in a closure session on the Core Values undertakings of the fall and winter. The Board reviewed the congregational comments on the resulting values of Connection, Inspiration, Compassion and Justice. Though the number of comments was not overwhelming, they were generally quite positive. The Board discussed the implications of variations in responses to certain values *vis a vis* others. Laura discussed the difference between Values statements (generally nouns) and Mission statements (generally verbs that embody the values), as developing a new Mission Statement constitutes the next step in the Board's re-examination of the congregation's Policy Governance document. Laura provided examples of each type of statement from a couple of other congregations, but emphasized that UUCA should be focused on developing its own unique vision.

**What's Happening:** John, as Sabbatical Convener, commented upon several aspects of the Executive's rather extensive monthly report. He expressed gratitude for the willingness of Dan and Gina Phairas to step up already as ABD leaders for next year, and he praised the work of Barbara Brownsmith Campbell and Cecilia Rollins in building an excellent foundation for continuity in our ABD efforts.

There was extended discussion among John and Board members on the resource challenges that RE is coping with in the face of burgeoning attendance.

**General Assembly Delegates:** It was moved and approved that Colleen Finegan, Karin Eckert, Ann McClellan, Jerry McClellan, Clark Olsen, Mary Alm, and Sue Walton be added to the list of GA delegates previously approved.

**Annual Meeting Documents:** Documents for the annual meeting were reviewed for inclusion in the packet the congregation would receive. The budget and its presentation at the meeting were discussed. It would be approved by a voice vote. The slate of candidates submitted by the Leadership Development Committee would also be by voice vote. The Board discussed the inclusion of a “Resolution to Become a Sanctuary Congregation” in the agenda. While there was positive sentiment for heading in this direction, it became apparent that there were, as yet, important unanswered questions about the implementation of physical sanctuary, as well groundwork to be laid in order to insure congregational support and district-wide collaboration. A motion not to put this proposal on the annual meeting agenda was approved.

**New Board Member Orientation:** Diane outlined plans for orienting new Board members beginning May 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 4:30. Other Board members were welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Consent Agenda:** Minutes of the meeting of April 4 were approved.

**Closing:** Bruce

**Executive Session**

Minutes submitted by Dale Wachowiak, Clerk