UUCA Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

23 Edwin

September 5, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Nora Carpenter, Judy Harper, Kate Hartnett, Bruce Larson, Diane Martin, James Schall, Dale Wachowiak, Rev. Mark Ward (ex officio), Mariah Wright, Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper.

Chalice Lighting and Reading: Bruce

Sanctuary Discussion: Lisa opened the discussion with a review of a report she had submitted to the Board, largely based on conversations with Jennifer Piper, an attorney with the American Friends Service Committee, and Katia Hansen, CEO of UURISE (UU Refugee and Immigrant Services and Education). These conversations addressed Board concerns about insurance, zoning/property, and legal implications of providing physical Sanctuary. Lisa emphasized that Sanctuary is a part of practicing our religious beliefs, that we are providing a home not harboring (there is nothing secretive about it), and that we can begin by establishing a one-room apartment and living facilities for someone in need so that 23 Edwin can still also operate as office space.

Kate asked Board members for remaining questions and comments. We moved on to a discussion of possible dates for a congregational meeting on the Sanctuary program. We arrived at October 29 as the best option.

Motion: It was moved and approved to call a congregational meeting on the Sanctuary proposal for October 29, 2017.

The Board asked for the following items to be addressed, if possible:

1. Obtain a written statement from the insurance company that sanctuary would have no impact on our insurance.
2. Have a finalized version of the resolution to the Board before its next meeting. If the one currently on file is the one SWG wants to go with, let us know.
3. Have the name of a criminal defense attorney who would represent those involved, should the need arrive (hopefully *pro bono*).

4. Begin a list of tasks that might be triggered by passage of the resolution, especially those that might involve UUCA funding. (Mark discussed his current ideas for the composition of a Sanctuary Management Steering Committee that might be formed post-passage.)
5. Consider further Sanctuary education modalities. (Lisa announced that the Board has the main program slot at the October 4th Wednesday Thing, should they wish to do something related to Sanctuary.)

The LOV Project: Kate passed around a sign-up sheet for folks to staff the LOV information table prior to and after each of the Sunday services leading up to the launch of the group sessions. She also encouraged those who haven't, to sign up online for observer slots at M/E group sessions.

What's Happening Now: Mark reviewed his monthly report. He described the origin and concept of the Wednesday Thing. Lisa will be taking charge of this event. There will be food for a small fee, a Vespers-like service with song and no sermon, and subsequent multi-generational programming.

Mark is pleased with the planning status for the Annual Budget Drive.

The staff has established 2017-18 goals for itself in the areas of Administration, RE, Worship, Music, Outreach, Membership and Communication. They attempted to arrive at goals that were realistic and assessable.

Minutes: The August minutes were moved and approved with one correction.

Closing: Bruce

Executive Session

Minutes submitted by Dale Wachowiak, Clerk