UUCA Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
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September 4, 2018

Present: Louise Anderson, Cecil Bennett, Nora Carpenter, Judy Harper, Bruce Larson, Diane Martin, James Schall, Mark Ward (ex-officio), Mariah Wright

Chalice Lighting/Opening: Judy

Getting to Know One Another: Bruce asked each of us to describe our original connection to/awareness of UUCA.

What's Happening: Mark reviewed several aspects of his monthly report:
Rev. Claudia Jimenez: Rev. Jimenez is busy getting oriented to UUCA while at the same time making sure essential programs are in place. Mark shared her prioritized analysis of her responsibilities, her goals and her progress report, to date. Mark has recruited a Committee on Ministry for Claudia to assist with the preliminary fellowship process with the UUA and offer feedback and guidance. (Members: Barbara Brownsmith Campbell, Ben Fleming, Lisa Horak and Jim Steffe).
SOCIAL JUSTICE: As staff liaison, Mark has met twice with the Earth and Social Justice Ministry Steering Council. (Members: Julie Ransom, Robert Gerard, Nancy Heath – Dan Clere will cycle off and Cecilia Rawlins will join in Sept.) The council members will act as liaisons to key social justice ministries at UUCA. They are compiling a Job Board of volunteer opportunities.
Earth Community Circle: Leadership is in transition. ECC is celebrating the success of the solar panel project. They are seeking a new focus, and ESJM has allocated ECC $1,500 for projects in the coming year.
Black Lives Matter: We are fulfilling our commitment to the group, which pulls together several congregational anti-racism initiatives, including ASURJ and several local initiatives.
Sanctuary Steering Committee: This committee consists of UUCA and four other congregations that support La Mariposa, the person we protect in sanctuary. They have recruited dozens of volunteers to help support her. They hope to find ways to bring pressure to bear in support of her legal case.
Other Social Justice Activities: Social Justice Movie Night, Fair-trade Coffee Hunger & Homelessness Task Force.
BUILDINGS: Many renovation projects are underway and fundraising for the PV Solar Project will likely be complete by Oct. 1. Missy Reed's "cheerleading" via Facebook fundraising has been laudable. Contracts for the panels are being prepared, surveys made, and Duke Energy application is being completed.
MEMBERSHIP: Linda Topp has crafted a new "Path to Membership" process. We also hope to create two monthly theme groups for newcomers. We hope to recruit facilitators for an October training session.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Linda Topp has agreed to serve as a liaison to help the Leadership Development Committee to fully understand and execute their role.

Ends: Interpretations and Means Plans: Mark presented and reviewed his interpretation of mission and ends and his resulting work plan to achieve the identified Ends. The Board is grateful for this thoughtful specific plan and its measurable goals.

Review of UUCA Governance Document: Review of this document began on page 5 and proceeded through page 7, Policy G. Changes are being noted and will be reflected in the document when the review is completed.

Consent Agenda: The minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting were moved and approved.

Closing: Judy

Executive Session

Volunteer Rotation: Since Ryan was not present Cecil will trade places with him on the schedule. Cecil will provide dinner for the October BOT meeting and Ryan will be responsible for November's dinner.

Minutes submitted by Diane Martin, Clerk