**MINUTES - BOARD MEETING**

**January 18, 2017 7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Ginny Loy, Tom Hiebel, Sarah McNeill, Kristin Trowell, Nancy Sumners, Larry Fredendall, Scott Jaeschke, Renee Mendola, Christine Prado

Staff Present: Ed Proulx

Member present: Petra Baer

Guest: Candy Kern-Fuller, Esq., Upstate Law Group, LLC.

Check in and Opening Words – Sarah

Member to address Board- Petra

* Discussed recent issues with the UUFC web page and the loss of links to Board and Congregational minutes from all of 2016 and half of 2015. Also noted a lost link to the Google calendar. All missing data has been recovered, but Petra requested an administration password change. The Board approved the password change by consensus. This change will be announced at the next Sunday service.

7:10 pm

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of seeking legal advice.

* Motion: Renee
* Second: Nancy
* Approval: Unanimous

7:40 pm

Motion to come out of Executive Session.

* Motion: Scott
* Second: Tom
* Approval: Unanimous

After discussions with the Candy Kern-Fuller regarding requests to release information contained in the Right Relations Council report received on July 27, 2016, the Board approved the following motions:

**The Board entertained the motion to sign the attorney agreement as provided.**

* Motion: Christine
* Second: Larry
* Approval: Unanimous

**The Board moved that the president write a letter to the former members stating that we respectfully decline their request.**

* Motion: Renee
* Second: Scott
* Approval: Unanimous

**The Board moved that the president write a letter to the member removed from the rolls on September 28, 2016 stating that we respectfully decline her request.**

* Motion: Christine
* Second: Larry
* Approval: Unanimous

Old business-Sarah

**Move to approve the December minutes as amended.**

* Motion: Larry
* Second: Nancy
* Approval: Unanimous

Minister’s Report- Ed

* The Pastoral Care Team is in place with a new working phone number.
* The Worship Team is working towards getting more organized.
* The Leadership retreat is scheduled for February 11, 2017.
* The Social Action Committee continues its work.
* There needs to be more coordination with those trained to work the sound system, to ensure full coverage for all events.
* Discussed requests from multiple groups to use the building facilities on a monthly/regular basis.
  + For groups with a UU member, the member can request to use the building, provided there are no existing conflicts.
  + Local social action groups may request to use the building, provided that they are not a political action group and there are no existing conflicts.

New Business- Sarah

* The Pathfinder conflict resolution program will be held February 18 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, with an agape feast included. All UUFC members are invited to attend.

Covenant building discussion for the Board- Scott

* Led a brainstorming session on Board accountability and other ideals to be included in the updated Board covenant.

CFO Report- Larry

* The FY2016 budget will officially close on January 31, 2017. As of December, the budget has 2 month of operational cash.
* The attorney fee of $200 has been paid.
* Reviewed the FY2017 proposed budget. Based off of current pledge amounts, the budget will only balance with no raises given in 2017; future contributions could allow for raises later in the year.

**Motion to accept the FY2017 budget as amended. If the budget changes for the positive over the course of the year, surpluses will be divided between personnel, Religion Education, and Building and Grounds.**

* Motion: Tom
* Second: Renee
* Approval: Unanimous

Benediction

**Adjourn****: 9:15 PM**