

UUFC BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 9, 2017

Present: Carl English-Young, Kyle Jansson, Linda Hardison, Kelley Kendall, John Bailey, Kathy Kopczynski, Joan Rose, Peter Sanford, Virginia Shapiro, Elona Meyer

Staff: Jill McAllister, Jean Gilbert, Jamie Petts

Guests: Jeff Susor, Marcia Shaw

Absent: Heather Emberson

It was suggested that we consider adding the policy for emergency closures to this agenda; however, it was decided that this item will be added to the agenda for January 23rd.

Carl requested consideration for the following Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of December 12th meeting
- Minister's Report for January 2017
- Financial Report To Date

The Minutes of December 12th were pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Linda moved that the remaining consent items be approved. Peter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Carl noted that we need assistance with set up and a reading for our January 23rd meeting; Peter offered a reading, and John volunteered for coordinating set up.

Jill noted that we need our next round of Board members to provide the welcoming comments on Sundays; a sign up was circulated.

After welcoming Marcia Shaw and Jeff Susor, Carl provided updates and announcements:

- We are on target for our Board goals. We have set up a second meeting this month, to set our goal for the Capital Campaign.
- The Membership Committee Chair informed Carl that 55 people have signed the membership book over the past two years.
- Councils and Committees are underway for developing their budget requests for 2017-18; Joan will run the Budget Hearing for Council and Committee chairs on January 22nd. Any interested congregant may choose to attend as well. After the hearing, the Budget Committee will review requests.

Sale of the house to the Corvallis Zen Circle (CZC):

There are additional city codes to be met regarding the width of the sidewalk, landscaping, and handicapped access before the CZC can convert the designated usage from residential housing. These codes may also apply to us, since the City considers our parking lot to be part of the CZC project. The added requirements for the CZC will bring the total to be financed to \$700,000. As such, CZC is asking to change the terms of their loan. They have proposed a 30-year mortgage, with an 8-year payout for the solar power system. Their intention is to pay off the mortgage earlier. We would receive \$1400 per month for 8 years, which is approximately the current rent we receive, and \$1000 per month, once the solar system is paid off. The down payment would remain at \$30,000. The CZC considered foregoing the sale but remains interested in continuing

UUFC Building Enhancements

The Building Design Team presented the current cost of plans for the building enhancements. The cost sketched out looks like it greatly exceeds what we could feasibly raise in our capital campaign. A proposed campaign goal of less than 4 million would necessitate a different schematic plan. If we expand as envisioned by the architects, we could spend the first million just to bring us up to code. This resulted in a robust discussion.

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Marcia Shaw agreed to discuss next steps with the architects. What can we get with little or no expansion? If we use the atrium space, can we get better flow? With needed repairs, what will 1.5 million buy?

It was decided that Virginia, Jeff (Susor), Jill, Carl and John will join in the discussion, when Marcia Shaw next meets with the architects. Marcia asked that Carl let her know when he has mutually workable dates.

It was suggested that a separate committee discuss what needs to be communicated when we hold our cottage meetings, keeping in mind the points raised in our discussion.

Kelley, Peter, and Marcia were thanked for their extensive work on the building design Committee.

Generative Discussion Regarding Our Future

- This is a time for coalition-building, but with a focus, albeit it can be difficult to choose a focus.
- Corvallis cannot be the focus of our “local” work. How do we include those who live outside Corvallis?
- There is a need for interfaith work, for new coalitions.
- We need to look at our options with new eyes.
- In the 360 Webinar, rebranding was talked about—do we need to rebrand to be effective?
- What is our role as a Board? We need to ask ourselves, (for example) how would we do the work if we were excited about climate justice?

Carl acknowledged a good beginning for a generative discussion on our future and that it will be addressed again.

Removed Consent Agenda Items

It was suggested that our minutes be confined to motions and key points made. We should confine minutes to one or two pages. Kyle then moved that minutes from December 12th be accepted as written. Kathy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.