

## **UUSS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

March 27, 2014

Board Members Present: Linda Clear, Glory Wicklund, Cathy George, Gordon Gerwig, Janet Lopes, Eric Ross, Meg Burnett, Charlotte Selton

Board Members Absent: Linda Klein, Peter Killian

Staff Present: Rev. Roger Jones, Rev. Lucy Bunch

Guests: Joan Rubenson, Ginger Enrico

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

### **Consent agenda**

The February minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Sale of Duplexes**

The duplexes have sold. We received the funds from the sale and the new owners have started work on them.

### **Implementing the Master Plan**

Gordon gave an update on preliminary attempts to find financing for the renovation project. Five Star Bank may be the best option for us at this time. They have experience with church loans. Colleen Schlaepfer is looking into the possibility of member loans. The Davis UU Church took out member loans with varying interest rates for their recent additions.

If the congregation gives the approval to seek a loan, it is possible that Five Star Bank could have an approval for a loan in early May. We would need approval for a loan before we could set a date with the SAUCC for a temporary move during reconstruction. Contract language has not been finalized with SAUCC.

A letter and FAQs will go out to members on March 29 by e-mail about the April 6 vote on our building renovation and expansion project. Postal service will be used for those without e-mail addresses.

Eric moved and Janet seconded a motion stating, The Board of Trustees recommends that the congregation vote to approve up to a 1.1 million dollar loan to complete the construction of Phase 1a of the Master Plan. This motion was unanimously approved.

### **Treasurer Report**

Glory presented the Treasurer's Report. Most expenses were in line with budgeted figures in February. The higher cost categories included the cost of a new server, a quarterly insurance payment and religious services expenses. Building use is lower than desirable but we do have some renters.

### **Website**

Dirk is making progress on the Website design. There are 3 copies of mock up websites that can be viewed. Dirk has started working on the status pages.

### **Stewardship**

Glory and Cathy presented preliminary results from the Stewardship drive for 2014-15. Assuming those not completing a new pledge form are continuing at the same level as 2013-14 results in a total of about \$450,000 in pledges for 2014-15. 22 percent increased their pledge, 72 percent remained at the same level as 2013-14, and 14 percent decreased their pledge. The new members and pledging friends totaled 2 percent. The median pledge was \$1,000 and the average pledge was \$1,385.

Cathy reported that the March 15 Stewardship as a Spiritual Practice Workshop in Walnut Creek was excellent. Copies of the Powerpoint presentations have been put in the March BOT dropbox folder.

**Program Council** - Janet reported that the Program Council is losing one member who is resigning at the end of June. Meg Burnett will fill the vacant position on the Program Council. Janet moved that the BOT approve making the new open PC position a two-year term so as to stagger the vacancies on the PC. Eric seconded the motion, and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

### **Minister Reports**

Both ministers have been busy working Financial Task Force and the building committee on funding efforts for the building project as well as providing on going support to a wide range of committees and leadership groups. Rev. Roger and Rev. Lucy met with Bud Swank and lay leaders about a second Capital Campaign. Rev. Roger worked with the Stewardship co-chairs and Rev. Lucy and Michele about the process to confirm pledge continuation for those not completing a new pledge form for 2014-15. District assembly will be held the last week of April in Sacramento.

Rev. Roger indicated that there is a new member orientation coming up May 3. There will be another orientation in June. The Davis UU minister and Roger have each recruited 4 people to attend services at the other church and report back on the experience.

### **Board Business**

The April meeting will have an item relating to revisions to the Endowment Trust.

Charlotte will center in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy George, Secretary, UUSS Board of Trustees