

## UUSS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2015

Board Members Present: Vice President Linda Klein, Secretary Gordon Gerwig, Carl Gardner, Shirley Hines, Carol Jacobs, Janet Lopes, Dennis Pottenger

Board Members Absent: President Linda Clear, Treasurer Denis Edgren, Janet Lopes, Skylar Primavera

Staff Present: Rev. Roger Jones

Staff Absent: Rev. Lucy Bunch

Guests: None

### 1. Welcome

- a. Linda Klein opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. in President Clear's absence.
- b. Roger did the centering.

2. Roger updated us on the building project.

### 3. Consent Agenda

- a. The September BOT minutes were approved unanimously with the following corrections: 10 minutes before a Board meeting (not a Sunday service) Roger would update us on topics of interest; Dennis P. (not Janet) did the centering, and Kathy (not Cathy) is how Ms. Styc spells her first name.

4. Building Project. Roger read Janet's report which is now in the Drop Box as a jpg file. Art exhibits would not be in the Welcome Hall but permanent art might be in the Welcome Hall and the tables might be in front of it. The next meeting will probably be their last.

5. Treasurer's Report. Denis did not email a Treasurer's Report, but the one given at the October Congregational Meeting is thought to be up to date.

6. **Fund Raising Strategy Team** (FRST). This includes Stewardship and fall and winter fundraisers.
- a. **Stewardship team.** Stewardship needs a liaison from the Board--Ginny Johnson will be the Chair. Everyone on the Board needs to be a liaison to some committee, keep in touch with the committee chair, and attend monthly meetings. Functions of Personnel Committee and Property Management Committee (which have not been operating for a few years) are now part of the Administration and Property Management Team (APMT) , is made up of Linda Clear, Glory Wicklund, Denis Edgren and John McMillan with staff support from Lucy, Stanton and Michele. Carl and Janet will both be liaison to Stewardship. No meetings scheduled yet. Pledge drive private in January and February, more public in late February and March.
  - b. **Fall and winter fundraisers.** Shirley reported that FRST is working on the yearly calendar. There is a dinner on November 21st. No chair yet, may not need one, Glory is handling the food, and Jack is doing tickets. We don't have anyone in charge of a fun auction and raffle. Shirley called Taylor Lewis to recruit a cleanup crew, hadn't heard from him yet. Linda K. will do a Unigram article in December on giving to save on your taxes.

April will be the big auction, the Sobon auction is put off until next fall. Meg may organize a fundraising recital in May involving Ina Jun--Ina may be joined by woodwind classmates. Karen Gunderson has a band that may play for a dance in March. No date yet for "All Family Night."

7. **Program Council.** Had a very nice retreat on October 10th at Deirdre's house. The new members Patricia Johnson and Linda Roth were oriented. Dirk taught everyone how to do a post on the web site. He will teach small classes starting in November, trying to find the target people for the class so as to get timely posts on the web site. There will be a flower communion at some point and maybe cake for all volunteers. The Senior Single Group is having a hard time getting off the ground. An Israeli-Palestine discussion group is forming with Kathy Hackett, the Kennedys and Dick Taylor. There may be interest in a 20s-30s group--Avery Hulog-Vicente may be willing to head this up. Linda K. will start a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table. PC will have soup first Sunday in November. Gen-X Boomers have monthly activities--dinner, museum visits, etc. Peter Foss is interested in a senior singles group for dating purposes. Others feel a senior fellowship would be better so there is a movement afoot to start such a group. PC is likely to approve this. Also discussed was becoming a chapter of the UUs for Justice in the Middle East using their curriculum for a study group. Approved by Program Council.
8. **Membership.** No report, they didn't meet.

9. **Minister's Reports.**

- a. Lucy's in Drop Box.
- b. Roger gave his verbally: On Advisory Board at YCMA and just became the Chair of the annual fundraising campaign. He and Lucy went to the ministers' fall meeting in early October. Coming of age meets once a month for two hours after church, 8th, 9th, and 10th graders paired up with a mentor. Three weekend retreats a year. Sunday R.E. programs are well staffed. JYHG moved to the first and fourth Sundays to ensure enough attendance.

10. **Board Business.**

- a. Congregational meeting short. Community partners to be announced in December Unigram. Secretary to document election procedure in Drop Box including the Excel program to rank the choices.
- b. Retreat agenda, November 7th. Five-year plan. Fiscal responsibilities of membership. Spiritual goals. What we're doing well, what we need to improve. Everyone to bring a salad or dessert.
- c. Janet is the next Centerer.

11. Roger did the closing