

## Board Meeting - April 17, 2017

In attendance: Marge Holland, Michael Jenkins, Greg Johnson, Mari Kuhnle, Sandra Moss, and Vicki Reithel.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved with a few minor changes. Marge will get the corrected copy to Dinorah, who will get the final form to Sandra.

### **The April 30<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting:**

At this meeting, the delegates to General Assembly will be announced. The Delegates will be Luanne Buchanan and Ann Phillippi, with Greg Johnson and possibly Pat Miller as alternates. Marge will ask Pat if she will be an alternate.

The new board will be approved. Greg will meet with Luanne Buchanan (LDC) to finalize choices for President Elect and Membership. (Marge suggested a couple of names that might be brought into consideration.) Marty Fino has agreed to come on the board as Secretary. Dinorah Sapp will move to Sunday Service Trustee. Greg will also ask if any persons have been found to lead the HS and Middle School Religious Exploration groups.

At the congregational meeting, the 3 delegates for President of the National UUA also need to be presented and a congregational vote taken. Greg will send out information as to where the congregation can access information about the candidates.

Also, the proposed budget will be presented and voted on. It looks as though the pledge amount total will be in the area of \$33,000.00. We will want to have fundraisers to bring in about \$7,600.00. Two fundraisers were discussed as possible to do now, prior to July. Vicki will talk with Walter about the possibility of using his house again and having a congregational garage sale there. Sandra was given permission to contact Ignite XC and have items made up, using Michelle Allen's image. Sandra will come up with ideas and share them with the board electronically, so products could be ordered and be for sale to the congregation and community.

**Proposed Budget:** Sandra presented the proposal, which the finance committee had finalized Sunday. Sandra will make some slight modifications and send the final copy to Greg for sending to the membership in advance of the Congregational Meeting.

**Retreat:** It was mentioned that the SE region had discussed having a combined Retreat, which might be a bit far for our members, if it is held at Roosevelt State Park. Another idea presented is that perhaps the Tupelo congregation and ours might combine.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Sunday Service:** will be having a meeting this coming Sunday. Also it was mentioned that it is time to get the May service leaders to begin to write blurbs about the May services. Sandra said that the gifts for graduates are in. The main Transition service will be May 21, but the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will transition at the Mother's Day service on May 14.

**RE:** the summer programming will be Story Circles for the service time RE. Mari will begin organizing for the once a month First Hours that we hope to start in the Fall, which would involve RE for all ages from 10-10:45, perhaps on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. She will also begin looking for RE helpers for the Fall.

**Membership:** It was noted that 4 joined the congregation on April 9: Jaz Brisack, Stuart \_\_\_\_\_, and Kinsley Patterson and Allen Leache rejoined.

**General Assembly:** It was decided that donations will be asked, honoring Mary Queyja, to pay the registration fees of our delegates.

**Committee of the Larger Faith:** Marge reported on her visit to Nashville. She mentioned that Dawn Cooley was a very engaging speaker. Marge hoped we might at some point invite Dawn to speak to our congregation.

**May Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 6:00 p.m.**