

April 22, 2015 Board Meeting,

Shaundi, Greg, Cheryl, Luanne, Victoria, Vicki R. in attendance; Walter unable to attend.

Meeting started at 7:10 pm

1. Luanne read a seminal poem, about marginal wisdom. The margins hold the center!
2. No process observer. (Maybe next time we need an active observer)?
3. Minutes from March meeting approved.
4. Cheryl gave financial update.
5. Luanne updated us that the trailer is not going to be a source of UUCO income when it's hauled; however-it can gain money for someone in community, perhaps, as scrap. We have located a new insurance company called Church Mutual: Luanne does not yet have a price comparison. We discussed bringing in the tote box so that we can donate to a good cause, perhaps to teachers? We simply need to assess what organization we wish to support. It was suggested by one of the board that we ask for donations for our own congregation, and that we give a list of items we need.
6. We present a 2015-2016 budget to the congregation on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Details of our discussion, below (Budget, blow by blow)
7. Alas due to the late hour, we chose to table Agenda Item 7, the cottage dinner survey data.

Budget, blow by blow:

Greg reported that on Amazon, for \$238 we could have a p.a. system with wireless mikes, for when the room is packed or we have a soft-spoken person. Greg is giving this as an in-kind donation. Thank you! But wait, do we all approve? Yes, unanimously approved.

We had a lively discussion of the give-away-the-plate (GATP) to encourage both that we have a cap to what we give away, and that members are aware when their contributions may be redirected towards UU budget when we reach that cap. Board agreed that the Mountain give away the plate should be arranged for in advance, each March.

Cheryl took us through a close look at last year's spending and the proposed budget for 2015-2016:

**1. In the 2014-2015 budget**, the following was noted:

Some of the moneys spent in the Adult RE this year, might best be reallocated to the new member budget for the year.

Less of the compassion fund (page two) was spent than budgeted. Luanne will check into this: she has spent more than what is recorded to date. What is left over from the budget for hospitality **could** be reallocated to compassion committee budget. (Mainly, the hospitality budget was spent on the two legacy visits we had this fall.)

We agreed that receipts submitted to Sandra Moss need to be approved before members submit them. Each reimbursement needs to be tracked to the appropriate budget item. We agreed that in future, we need to separate more closely what goes under building and property maintenance and what goes under building supplies.

The total for the fence will be \$2500 (150 feet of fencing, 6 feet high) and it should be included as a maintenance budget item (next year's budget?), but will need additional support from the congregation (through fundraising).

Social media went over budget, by \$407, but generated interest in UUCO, through the Facebook Boost, set up by Walter.

**2. Good news on budget is that for 2015-2016** we already have a projected income of \$39,500 from pledges. Bad news is that we have \$47,500 outgoing and have a deficit.

We discussed where we are in our staff expenses, for music, childcare and custodial, and decided to leave those budgeted items the same.

Building budget for 2015-16 projected to include: Propane: 1300, Electricity: 1300, telephone 360, trash pickup: 144

We're going to change the budget for guest speaker fees to \$3500 from \$4000. Keep choir budget at \$150 for sheet music.

We will keep the same GATP budget for next year.

We will increase our budgeted income from UUCO hall rental from \$750 to \$1500.

Luanne has plans to prepare a wedding flier so that UUCO hall can be used for wedding venues.

Vicki Reithel has agreed to represent Sunday Services, Greg will be the new president, Victoria will continue as secretary, Pat will be membership trustee, and Marge Holland will be vice president.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Victoria Smith

[Duly noted in these minutes, at May 3 Congregational meeting it was suggested that we have our fiscal year and calendar year be the same. Board in favor but there should be a review to see if it has an impact on grants or other sources of outside funding.]