

UUCO Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2016

Meeting called to order by Greg Johnson at 6:10 pm

Board Members Present:

Susie Pedigo, Walter Flashcka, Mari Kuhnle, Sandra Moss, Marge Holland, Greg Johnson, Michael Jenkins

Members not present:

Vicki Reithel, Dinorah Sapp

Mari Kuhnle was appointed as the process observer/ time keeper.

Approval of Minutes:

Two amendments were suggested and approved by the board. 1) The team for the 20th Anniversary Celebration also includes Mari Kuhnle and Susan Pedigo. 2) The RE report should be amended to read organization of 3-4 teams of 2.

Business:

Financial Report

Sandra submitted the current state of the finances including Actual revenue and expenses so far this year and projected revenue and expenses for the year.

Sandra and Michael plan to get together to discuss financial matters.

We should ask Mary Queja how much we still owe on the note for the property.

There is a pending expense for the purchase of a dishwasher.

Michael Jenkins should be given signatory rights to the UUCO bank account.

Gail's Ordination

We discussed ideas for funding Gail's ordination. Funds would be used to support travel for the visiting dignitaries and to pay for the reception. The board supports the idea of crowd sourcing using a mechanism like "Go Fund Me". Regarding the contribution of funds from UUCO for this event, there are two major points. First, the board is in favor of supporting the event with a monetary contribution, including a Give-away-the-plate Sunday, and also with labor and materials. Second, the board wants to hear from the Ordination Committee before we commit a particular amount of money. The Ordination Committee meets next Wednesday. Greg will update us with new information after that meeting.

Board Retreat

It is September 18 after Sunday service. Greg handed out a set of questions for each of us to answer before the retreat. We will use internal facilitators (Greg, Gail or Eunice, perhaps). Sunday, September 18, is the Open House service. We recommend simple snacks for the Open House service. Susie P. will bring sandwiches and Mari K. will bring fruit to feed the retreaters after the Open House service ends.

Open House Service

The purpose is to encourage university students to check out our congregation. We should supplement our recruitment at the Community/Campus Fair with increased advertisement in the Eagle. We talked quite a bit about the service structure and content. Several ideas were floated including a musical service. Mari will email Luanne and Eunice to find out who is in charge of the service and what are the current plans. We need to ask for volunteers to bring snacks.

Community/Campus Fair

Greg reserved us a space for the Activity Fair in the grove on August 23 and 24. Susie and Greg will manage the table on Tuesday. Mari and Marge (and Greg) will manage the table on Wednesday. We will spend some time in the next few days collecting materials to hand out. Greg will buy some candy. We should collect photos for the Activity Fair that show our congregation in action- pictures of the retreat and of the youth group.

Vision Team

The team is comprised of Luanne, Paul and Elaine, and is tasked with helping us to define a long term vision for the congregation. The current plan is to promote small group activities, particularly cottage dinners. They will have to establish hosts and venues for the dinners, and establish a covenant for the meeting, and promote discussion toward a long term plan for the congregation. They would like to get started by early October and to finish by January. This schedule may be unrealistic, but allows this process to be completed before the pledge drive starts.

20th Anniversary Celebration

The date is not yet set. Two possible dates are marked in the Sunday Services calendar, February 26 and April 2. The actual anniversary is in April. The result of the visioning/cottage dinners will help inform the plan for the celebration.

UUA General Assembly in New Orleans

In order to encourage participation in the UUA general assembly, Eunice and Marge have been proactive in renting rooms in New Orleans. We want to stress the importance of attending since this it is being held in our neighborhood. We want to coordinate rides to New Orleans. We acknowledge that the registration alone is quite expensive.

Report from the Presidents' Convocation

Marge sent a written report to the board about her recent trip to the presidents' convocation. Of note: 1) We should ally with congregations of similar size in our region. Marge made excellent contacts with such congregations. 2) Marge was introduced to the idea of a "Committee for the Larger Faith". The idea is that this committee would facilitate communication between our congregation and regional and national UU organizations.

Change in Sandra's Title

Sandra's new title is "Office Administrator".

360 Leadership Development

A UU congregation in Tulsa Oklahoma has developed a video conferencing curriculum for training the leadership team. Only 5 congregations can participate in the series for a cost of \$500 per session, nine sessions. We weren't interested this year.

High School Youth Group

Elaine has agreed to help transition into a new HS youth director. A recurrent visitor from Ole Miss has expressed interest in being involved with the group, which is really exciting. There is an active search for additional potential leaders from the congregation.

Committee Reports

Communications- A request was made to better highlight the next Sunday service description on the web site.

Religious Education-

Adult RE: Eunice is organizing the adult RE with the kick off event being the screening of the Ken Burns film "Defying the Nazis". Walter will record the film on September 20th so that we can show it at our convenience at UUHall.

Intermediate School Group: Shannon Sharp has expressed interest in supporting this group. She will coordinate with Cris Surbeck about interfacing with an existing group that some UU kids participate in.

Youngsters Group: Mari has coordinated 3 -4 teams of two to alternate weekends in the younger group RE program. She has been reviewing curriculum to find the best plan to serve the broad age range of this group.

Membership-Susie will find the description of duties for the membership trustee, and the letter of introduction that was written. Greg will review the duties list and talk to Susie about what her job really entails.

Fundraising

5K Run- Dinorah will fill us in on the progress in the idea at the next board meeting.

Sale of Donated Car- We discussed a raffle idea, but favored the Craig's list alternative. If we cannot get a decent price on Craig's list, we'll revisit the raffle idea. The expected price would be the blue book values of the car.

Concessions- Two board members have experience with this idea and feel like it is a lot of work. Susie intends to volunteer in the concession for another organization so that she can figure out if it is a crazy idea.

Clean Up- Susie will contact Michael Luongo about the grove clean-up crew as a way to earn some money. We thought that some HS youth might be interested in helping.

Rental home for game days- The board needs to re-read the letter composed by Walter about this fundraiser. Greg will weigh in first, then the "final" letter will be sent to the board for approval. Subsequently it will be sent to the congregation. The first home game is on September 10th, so time is of the essence.

New Business

None