

UUCO Board Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Greg Johnson

Board Members present: Michael Jenkins, Susie Pedigo, Walter Flashcka, Mari Kuhnle, Marge Holland,
Vicki Reithel, Dinorah Sapp.

A process observer/time kept was appointed (Dinorah Sapp)

Business:

Updates

- Update on the Big Event: 6 University of Mississippi students came to UUCO on Saturday, March 25, as volunteers to do some basic yard work, change feet protectors on the chairs, clean windows, move furniture (donated by member Deborah Robinson). Greg suggested another work day in the future. Mari reported that the grass will be sprayed with environmentally safe repellent.
- Update on the UU Cluster Gathering: On March 4, UU congregations in Mississippi met at UUCO and exchanged ideas, learned about each other, and created a committee to follow up on proposals. A retreat is also on the works.
- The UU Southern Region Nashville retreat was cancelled, reported Marge.

Finances

- There is a shortfall of of \$20,000 for 2016-2017 pledges. The 2017 pledge drive end April 9. Greg read a letter/email that will be sent out as a reminder to members. The budget for the 2017-2018 will be approved at the Annual Meeting on April 30.

Committee Reports

Sunday Services: Vicki reported that all dates for April and May have been set. The summer is still being worked on; there is a special service "Coffee House" style on June 11 by Gail Tapscott, with more details later.

Religious Education: Mari Reported that she needs 2 more volunteers to lead lessons for the summer. She had an idea of introducing R.E. for all ages from 10-10:45 once a month. Mari also shared the events happening on the May 21 service, the Transition Service, which will include the high school graduates being recognized.

Church of the Larger Faith: this committee has been focusing on General Assembly

Visioning: the committee is still transcribing the information obtained from the Cottage Dinners.

Membership: Susie reported that Membership Sunday will happen on April 9.

Communications: Walter reported on the Anniversary Celebration plans. He sent out an online invitation that reached 302 people; 21 responded yes, 7 maybe, 25 no. There is a celebration dinner Saturday, March 25 with live music. People are needed to help set up and clean up. The Sunday Celebration Service will be Sunday, March 26.

Other businesses:

General Assembly: Greg reminded the board that 2 delegates are needed to represent UUCO at the New Orleans GA in June. The delegates will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on April 30. There was a discussion on the financial support that will be offered to delegates, for example, registration fee.

Mary Queyja will be awarded the UU Spirit Award at the celebration dinner on Saturday, March 25.

UUA Candidates for President: there is an event that will be available online to get to know the presidential candidates and inform the UUCO congregation.

Changes in Board Members: Dinorah Sapp will be transferring to Sunday Services Committee and the board will need a new Secretary.

5K Race: Dinorah Sapp reported that the race will take place next Spring as a fundraiser at the Campus Recreation Trail. More details later in the Fall.

Online UUCO Information: there will be a revision of the information that's available online; the board minutes will be abridged and posted more promptly.

New meeting: Monday, April 17.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.