

March 29, 2015 UUCO Board Meeting began at @ 12:30pm.

Greg Johnson, Luanne Buchanan, Carla Carr, Walter Flaschka, Vicki Reithel, Victoria Smith, Shaundi Wall, and Cheryl Conlee were in attendance at the Board meeting, held in the UUCO sanctuary.

1. Luanne presented a reading inspired by Burton Carley, who is retiring from the UU Church of the River, in Memphis. We had great cookies and cake, while we shared meaningful check-ins, beginning with Luanne, who lost her hoe at yesterday's work party. We checked in about the state of our roads and appreciating our local police force supporting a culture of no littering, as well as how busy each of us are - Greg will be doing seven talks over this spring, and is going to the coast and doing a rehearsal for a performance on the same day. Shaundi is appreciating the love and care she is receiving from our community while Greg has been out of town. Cheryl is also working with health challenges and needing to limit her driving.
2. Walter Flaschka volunteered as process observer.
3. We approved minutes from February meeting.
4. Cheryl updated us on the treasury. Beginning balance in January was \$12,975. Cash in was 3580 and cash out 2552. **By end of January** we had received a little over half of the pledges (more than half of our fiscal year is over); non-pledge estimates are slightly below budget for fiscal year: \$5000 of our income allotted for fundraisers (not addressed) and our Amazon income is at half the allotted amount. For February, the beginning balance was \$14,004 (cash in \$2561; cash out \$8990); ending balance was \$7575. Typical monthly budget is \$2000-3000. More was spent in February, as check payment for painting and work done on the sanctuary in January cleared the bank in February, and second, we gave away \$500 more in the give away the plate than we typically budget for. By close of February, we'd received 61% of pledges, the non-pledge plate is at 27% (!) of budget, and Amazon is up to 72% of budget. Cheryl does not recommend giving away more GATP's this fiscal year, until we are sure we can get pledges in. Cheryl, do I read correctly that we gave away \$981 in give GATP in February (to include the \$500 which our board approved as a donation for costs and the individual member contributions made to the monks)? We allocated \$4000 for guest speakers for this fiscal year, of which we used \$1600, so we may wish to change the amount we budget next year. If I understood correctly, we may need a way to

record special costs/ contributions approved by the board, for special services (which happen at least twice each year). Cheryl's update cautions us that in the past we had a larger amount of moneys in the bank (not gaining interest) that would not be budgeted for things like repairs. Now we have a real budget, and are addressing repairs, and going forward we need to manage finances more closely. Cheryl talked about pledges as well; that judging from the number of pledges received today, we may anticipate an increase in funds for next year that will put us on track for FY 2015-2016. \$4000 was allocated for guest speakers this past year, \$1600 was used: so we may wish to change the amount we budget for next year. 4b: Vicki brought up another issue, about becoming a Green sanctuary. Luanne shared we needed to implement certain criteria; Greg shared that some of the targets have already been met and we had already had some of the necessary community interactions. We just need to get the ball rolling by having the energy assessment. Cheryl said it is \$50 to do an energy assessment.

5. We discussed our Joys and Concerns Grapevine committee, comprised of Paul Goggans, Mary Queyja, Luanne (who will do flowers and initial contact) and Mari Kuhnle, who will take the task of calling and visiting. The scrap value of the **trailer** may cover the costs of moving it. Vicki will help Eunice move her files (which are still in the trailer). We'll need to move one file cabinet and find a home for it in our sanctuary building. Luanne contacted Pat and Eunice about changing our insurer from State Farm, and the funds originally earmarked for the Domestic Violence Project will go instead to Family Crisis Services.
6. Big Event Work Day: We may need to call county solid waste to do a pick up of the clippings and leaves, if they are not picked up soon. Vicki shared that the felt and super glue, which Mari K. and the student volunteers put on our chair legs in the sanctuary was saving our floors, and that the rubber and glue was completely removed from the wood floor. A ton of briars was removed from the back where the children play. Vicki suggested we next prioritize the parking lot, and put in curb stops and mark it so that we can get more. Make the front right spot nearest the door, an official handicapped spot, replace the fence and front door, and put a new sign out front. The property line is marked, all we need to do is find out how much the fence will cost. Paul Moss is willing to do the work and we may wish to get an additional quote from the person who painted the sanctuary in January. Additionally, we may wish to get a quote from Oxford Fence, who can do the job in the shortest time frame to accommodate our neighbor. Cheryl is happy to arrange these quotes for us.

7. We had many good ideas come our way from the cottage dinners, with members asking that we focus on expanding into a community building, as well as grounds and front door. Carla will email us with a refined list, so we can share the feedback and possible action items to the congregation at the annual meeting.

Our meeting was completed by 2 pm; we decided that a doodle poll would help us come up with an April meeting time that would work for the greatest number of us. Respectfully submitted, Victoria Smith