

## UUCO Board Meeting

10/11/2017

**Attendees:** Marge Holland, Mari Kuhnle, Sandra Moss, Marty Fino, Eunice Benton, Michael Jenkins, Amy Pearson, Walter Flaschka, Dinorah Sapp

**Reading of the Board Covenant:** Done.

**Process Observer:** Michael Jenkins

**Minutes of September Board Meeting:** Suggested topics for the newsletter summary: Who will be on the leadership committee and the vigil that was held. The minutes were reviewed, minor typo errors corrected and motion made by Marty to accept them as amended, seconded by Mari; passed unanimously.

**Financial report:** Sandra reported that we have enough money in the budget to give \$500 to Billy Smith for the sweet gum tree removal. As per Eunice's suggestion Marge will check in with Roger Kuhnle, building/grounds committee, as regards making the \$500 payment to Billy Smith. The FNB bank account has \$699.97. The account will be closed in two months when the last of the mortgage payments is made. Dinorah raised the issue of how much to pay the guest speaker this coming month; after discussion it was agreed to pay her \$250. Marge proposed that UUCO pay for Rev. Stratton's time at the upcoming retreat; Rev. Stratton did not charge for her time at the all day retreat held earlier this year. Eunice suggested the amount of \$300. Michael made the motion to pay Rev. Stratton \$300 and Dinorah seconded; motion unanimously passed.

**Smith Property subcommittee report:** Eunice reported on her discussion with Billy Smith, owner of the abutting property to UUCO. Issues discussed: 1. Sweet gum tree. Mr. Smith continues to be very concerned re debris from the tree; he said he would pay for removing the tree. Eunice told Billy that she would discuss with the UUCO Board sharing the cost of removing the tree. The issue was discussed this evening and it was agreed that UUCO would give him \$500 towards the tree removal. Eunice made the motion to pay Billy Smith \$500 for the tree removal, Amy seconded the motion; passed unanimously. 2. First Right of Refusal to buy his property. Billy agreed with Eunice that it would be good to tighten up the agreement pertaining to first right of refusal. During the conversation he also expressed an openness to UUCO buying the property now with the provision that he would be allowed to live on the property for as long as he wishes. Eunice emphasized that she made no commitments to Billy and that the entire congregation would need to approve any action on this matter.

**Follow-up to Sept. 4 conference call:** As per the Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> conference call a subcommittee was formed and they met this past month. Subcommittee members, Rev. Stratton and Marge Holland, met with the gentleman who was the subject of the call. Both Rev. Stratton and Marge had a good feeling about the individual. He recognizes the sensitivity of the matter and is not pressing for any immediate decision by UUCO. The subcommittee said they were not ready to make a recommendation about the gentleman's status with the congregation to the Board as of this moment. They proposed that Gail and two or three members from the congregation would continue to meet with the individual. These meetings would come prior to presenting this issue to the congregation. In a related issue Eunice proposed holding two

or three “town hall” discussions with the congregation on a variety of issues, including a topic on who are we willing to minister to.

**Religious Education:** Second Sunday RE – everyone enjoyed the food. Fourteen adults attended three children below grade 5, two middle school; no high schoolers. Next one will be November 12<sup>th</sup>. Mari will be asking for more assistance on upcoming events and has already had some offers of assistance.

**Sunday Services Report:** Dinorah reported on upcoming services and has been successful arranging speakers and events through December. Dinorah will be preparing operating procedures for selecting service leaders and speakers with careful attention to not impose too often on any one individual.

**Membership:** Amy reported that several individuals have expressed an interest in joining UUCO. Since it has been decided that there does not have to be a specific “membership Sunday” Amy will be asking them what Sunday they would like to join. Sandra raised the issue of reviewing the current membership role to see if all those that are listed are currently involved.

**Communication Report:** Walter discussed issues re Slack app for communication within UUCO Board. Also, Walter heard back from James Church and he said he would welcome being compensated. // As re the yard sale, Walter said that Vickie would be willing to help with the tag sale but not spearhead it so he still needs to find someone who would take it over.

**UUCO Best Practices:** Eunice and Marty will be meeting in the next week or two or develop recommendations to the Board.

**New Business:**

**Board Retreat** – Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Start at 11:00 AM and adjourn at 3:00 PM. Eunice will head-up lunch plans.

**Town Hall meetings:** Town Hall meetings will be held after Sunday services on 10/22/2017 and 10/29/2017.

**Religious Education:** Mari has scheduled three of the Second Sundays for the Spring.

**Minutes submitted by:** Marty Fino