

UUCO Board Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2017
UUUCO Building

Meeting called to order at 6:24 p.m. by Greg Johnson

Board Members present:

Michael Jenkins, Mari Kuhnle, Marge Holland, Vicki Reithel, Dinorah Sapp
And Sandra Moss, Office Administrator

A process observer/time kept was appointed (Mari Kuhnle)

Minutes from the December meeting were read by Dinorah Sapp. Greg confirmed that he had signed Gail Stratton's letter to the UUCO board. The minutes were amended to show that the raise to Andrew Gordon (piano) was \$5 more a week instead of monthly. The minutes were approved.

Business:

UM Big Event

Greg received notification that the UM Big Event (service project by university students to the Oxford community) would like to return to UUCO

The event is scheduled for March 25, Saturday, for 4 hours

Greg talked to Roger Kuhnle, building manager, and will identify needs (landscaping, etc)

The congregation will be asked to come help out and make it a work day

Visioning Team

Cottage Dinners are happening this month

The ideas gathered during these dinners will be shared at the annual meeting

20th Anniversary Planning

April 1, Saturday: there's an evening event planned at 6:30 pm

April 2, Sunday: Celebration during Sunday service. Gail Stratton is the speaker

People who have attended UUCO and have moved away from the area will be encouraged to send in photos and other objects to help celebrate

Pat Miller is compiling a scrapbook for the occasion

Committee Reports

Sunday Services

There will be a special service to honor graduates and all those who are transitioning to a new board position or new job

Greg raised a question about gifts for graduates; Vicki suggested a book, perhaps UU related

Larger Faith/General Assembly

Early bird registration is available

A flyer will be posted with information

Twelve people from the congregation plan on going (New Orleans)

The congregation needs to send 2 delegates; Greg will check whether they are chosen by vote or self-selected

To help with the cost, there are some suggestions such as a GoFund Me account; UUCO will pay for registration and hotel for the chosen delegates

Marge has been in contact with the folks at Southern Region for updates on General Assembly

UU Cluster Gathering

There will be a gathering of congregations from Mississippi at UUCO on March 4. Southern Region will provide support. Greg will ask for more information from Eunice Benton

Finances

Sandra reported that the Amazon Associates program has brought in less money than expected.
There was a discussion on how much to charge for building rental; Greg will check with Luanne to see if she remembers or has information about it
There are new member materials and visitor materials available
The Common Read order was \$57
The Coffee Jar has collected \$9
The finance committee will be meeting to start drafting the proposed budget for the year

Committee Reports

Religious Education – Mari Kuhnle

Chairs were ordered for the RE room; the table is from UUCO
There is a crib now available as well as a rocking chair
The RE programs are in full swing: Moral Tales and Toolbox of Faith
The 4/5th graders are working on binders independently during RE
Adult RE will be started soon

Larger Faith

New Committee formed to keep track of what's going on in the UU world
Information about General Assembly to congregation
Connections with Southern Region
Discussion on whether this is an ad hoc committee or if the bylaws need to be modified to add this as a new committee

Interfaith Potluck

Dinorah reported on the recent meeting of this group and will keep congregation and board members updated

Car

The car given as a gift to the congregation needs \$3000 in repairs and it costs \$500 a year to keep
The board voted to give the car away
Congregation member Amy Pearson will receive the car.

Fundraising

Board members brainstormed on several ideas for fundraisers
A 5K run is still being discussed
A talent show/battle of the bands
A concert series with local bands

New Business

A raise for Sandra Moss was approved (10%)

Meeting adjourned by Greg Johnson at 8:30 p.m.