



Board Members Present:

Arianna Lambie	President
Joan Pederson	President-Elect
Kris Barker	Secretary
Beverly Bennett	
Margot Horn	
Jim Proctor	
Joan Staples	
Finley Campbell	Alternate

Others in Attendance

Rev. David Schwartz	Co-Minister
Rev. Teri Schwartz	Co-Minister
Joanne Michalski	Treasurer

The meeting began at 7:10 pm with Chalice Lighting, opening words by Finley and check-in of the members of the Board of Trustees.

I. DRE Report

1. Intern/Graduate student Ellen Somny will serve as RE director during Laura's maternity leave. Laura has prepared May and June lessons. Ellen trained with Laura and will start May 1 and stay through end of July, if she is needed.
2. Finances-Laura has proposed a budget for 2016-2017 church year. A new item: money for an anchor teacher for the RE Youth.
3. The RE Council is proposing a registration fee or special fee for families with children participating in RE. The hope is to generate more ownership in the program as well as a small amount of money for supplies, etc. The fee will be minimal- \$25.00.
4. Joan moved that the RE Council charge a registration fee of \$25 for each family for a period of Sept through June 2016-2017. Finley seconded. The motion passed.

II. Bylaws Update

1. Joan suggested that only three completed sections be offered for vote at the annual meeting. The three sections are: 1) Duties of Officers, 2) Finance Section simplifications, and 3) Committees and Councils (allowing them to be formed but not enumerating what they are).
2. May 8 is the date for a review meeting with the congregation before the annual meeting.
3. Feedback from the review meeting will be incorporated and the narrative will be brought to the Board at the May meeting before the Annual Meeting.
4. All remaining items in the By Laws will be reviewed next year.

III. Pledge Drive Report

1. Board members showed up early tonight to make calls to people who have yet to pledge.
2. Discussion about hand writing thank-you notes to first time pledges and to members who increased their pledges this year.
3. Budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting and a discussion about gap in spending.

IV. Appoint delegates to upcoming local and regional events

1. Finley moved that Joan Pederson and Bette Sikes serve as delegates to Mid-America Regional assembly 4/29-5/1. Joan Seconded. Motion passed.
2. Joan moved that Allan Linthrup serve as a delegate to the Chicago Area UU Council annual meeting May 21. Finley seconded. Motion passed.

V. Auction Report

1. Auction 2016 grossed approximately \$13,000 and should net about \$11,000 after all expenses including sending 10% of the net to the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club.
2. Attendance was great. Perhaps next year we could advertise in the Good Neighbor online newspaper.
3. All agreed that check out was problematic and slow. Joanne suggested we put new software on the cloud to make it more efficient next year.
4. One person and/or co-chairs for the auction should be identified in September. This year the timing for leadership early was very good.

VI. Consent Agenda

1. Treasure's Report
 - We are over budget by \$5,000 because Michael's health insurance is more expensive.
 - Custodial items are over budget due to some special events.
 - Boiler and roof repairs have been very expensive.
 - A special Board Meeting will be held on May 5 to review the budget.
2. Minutes from March
 - Finley moved that the minutes of the March Board meeting be approved. Joan seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. Ministers' report
 - New Worship Arts Team met for the first time this month. This team will serve as a think-tank for innovative worship creation and a conduit for feedback about worship services.
 - Teri organized and met with the newly formed Capital Campaign committee. They are working under the leadership of Grace Latiboudiere and will seek to have a candidate for the capital campaign to present to the board.
 - Pledge drive- we have roughly \$233,000 in pledges from 92 households towards a goal of \$285,000.

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- A newly reconstituted Communications team has formed and David met with them to launch. Joan moved that the Board approve the appointment of Mary Clare Bietila to Chair the Communications committee. Finley seconded. Motion passed.
- 4. The Social Justice Committee has proposed the UU Prison Ministry to receive the Give Away the Basket proceeds in May. Joan moved to approve the recommendation for the UU Prison Ministry. Finley seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 5. Annual Meeting Logistics. Joan moved the Board call the annual meeting for 11:30 am on Sunday May 22, 2016. The congregation must be noticed 15 days prior to the meeting. Beverly seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm with Closing Words from Finley.