

DRAFT Executive Board Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Rev. Jonalu Johnstone
Jessica Sievers, Chair
Courtney Albin, Past-Chair
Mark Mayfield, Chair-Elect

Chris Bailey, Secretary
Eli Martinson, Treasurer
Rob Morrison, Member at Large
Sandy Nelson, Director of Religious Education

Gather and Welcome: Check ins

Opening Words – Rev. Jonalu: Peter Steinke “Grounding Change and Missions in Hope”

Consent Agenda

March Minutes Approval- Courtney moved accepting the minutes as amended, Mark seconded. Motion passed.

Updates from Chair – J. Sievers

First Christian Church:

Jessica Created “1st Christian Church” Folder on Google Drive:

 moved previous “First Christian Church” doc to here,
 uploaded “Property Condition Report” and “2019 Riley County Appraisal”

2nd tour with Gene Sievers, Justin Harms, Matt Campbell, Doug Walter, Ken Embers

Informational Meetings:

 Sunday, March 31 at 12:15 pm- Well attended, good questions & conversation

 Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 pm- Small group, lots of discussion

 Sunday, April 28 during Annual Meeting-

Next Steps:

 Answers to Questions

 Schedule tour(s) for members

 Informal Inspection- Mark Mayfield, Gene Sievers, Dan Swenson

 Utilize 2/2016 Property Condition Report

 Asking them to meet with FCC’s Facilities folks

 Task Force re: Financial Plan

 “Stewardship for Us”? more info in JJ’s report

 Communication about FCC Task Force: (Not financial aspect)

 Jessica Sievers, Larry Weaver, Chris Bailey, Mark Clark; Lily, Rob, Courtney.

Regional Assembly Delegate Report:

Jessica attended the Stewardship Workshop: Participation Stewardship for Us)

Recommendations:

 Collect membership birth years

 Focus on modes of money transfer

 Identify members who might leave bequests

 Celebrate people who are generous with time, talent and/or treasure.

See Facilities Reports in Google Drive:

 “2019-03 Report from Facilities Committee”

 “Managing UUFM Internet and Phone”

 Wifi is about 15 times faster for half the cost!

 Password: zeandale

should we post signs?

New phone service in effect, no messaging in place at this time, Chris offered an answering machine.

Roof repair should commence shortly.

Brick spalling estimate should be in before too long.

Reminder:

Weekly Offering to Helping Hands on trial basis through Summer

Minister's Report – J. Johnstone- See Report

Sam Delong hired as a substitute pianist

UU will participate and table at Little Apple Pride Parade April 13th

Ken Embers wants to drive his Model A

Need volunteers for table and parade

Feedback- MidAmerica Regional Assembly April 4-7

Committee on Institutional Change met, discussing how learn from errors and move on without finger wagging.

JJ participated in a breakout sections on intersectionality (following a TED Talk video). This could be a future discussion of the Racial Justice Team.

Rev. Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan and JJ presented a workshop on collaboration among congregations.

Delegates Attended: Jessica Sievers, Justin Harms

For potential capital campaign, I hope we will explore developing a relationship with

Stewardship for Us: <https://stewardshipforus.com/capital-campaigns-and-combined-campaigns/>

This would be a good idea whether we move forward on First Christian or not.

They are specific to UU congregations

They do Financial Feasibility Study before launching Campaign

Initial Zoom Meeting April 10th: JJ, JS, EM, MMayfield

Our official dues to UUA appear to be somewhat less than anticipated this year.

Attended Two Sunday Services Meeting: moving to two services in the fall

DRE Report – S. Nelson- See Report

OWL facilitator training June 28-30, demand is strong, the class can hold up to 20.

Two OWL 4th-6th grade classes in session.

Avg attendance: Somewhat down from February.

Treasurer's Report – E. Martinson

Review Finalized Budget Proposal for annual meeting. It can be published in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

Eli, Chris and Michael Oldfather met about a pledge drive. Michael believes we need to push to get enough pledges in to cover the budget, this cycle. He suggested a team of 6-8 members to talk about pledging to each "pledging unit" and the necessity of not running a deficit budget, especially if we might seek financing for a major project like First Christian Church soon.

JJ suggests going into the annual meeting with a cadre, like ten, “leadership pledges” of 20-25% more than the previous year. An announcement would be a worthy kickoff on a pledge drive.

The question arose about pledge drive timing and budget formulation/presentation. JJ remarked that usual the pledge drive comes before the budget, but most UU congregations are on a July-June fiscal year. But budgets are planning documents to begin with.

Upon inquiry by Mark, Eli reported that we are ready to go on the GMCF Grow Green match day. It needs to be very carefully explained as it is easily misunderstood. And any match that comes to UUFM’s budget cannot be individually earmarked. It has been determined that any match will underwrite leadership.

So far \$7,400 has been donated specifically to defray the roof repair expenses.

Our helping hands donation to Wonder Workshop for March exceeded \$1,100.

Old Business:

New Business:

MidWest Leadership School: mwls.org

(Will have funds after Grow Green Day, April 22)

Dates: July 14-20, 2019, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

Registration deadline June 1

Brainstorm who to send, prioritize board members: Rob Morrison, Les Loschky; Madilena Mendiola, Judy Nicholson, Dakota Santiago...?

Youth 14-18 yrs Molly recommended: Carrie Cave, Ronan Tanona

Vote on Stewardship for Us, fees?

Timeline for making decision(s) re: FCC

Schedule May Congregational Meeting? We probably cannot answer important questions by May: What would our financing picture look like? What service Stewardship for Us can provide? To pay the Stewardship for Us fee? We may know more tomorrow after the zoom meeting with Stewardship of Us. Jessica and Courtney both perceive congregational support but everyone asks about the financial aspect.

Annual Meeting: Sunday, April 28th 12:15pm

Distribute last years’ minutes for approval

Budget

Board Slate: Nominating Committee: Courtney

Rob Morrison: Chair Elect

Cathy Hedge: Secretary

Les Loschky: Member at Large

Discussion Session:

Two Services

FCC

Betty Banner- The Social Justice Group would like to present a report at the annual meeting on how much each Helping Hands recipient received, along with a list of who we have helped.

Closing Words

Adjourn Courtney moved, Eli second, motion carried at 8:25 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 14th 7pm