

Minutes, UUFLG Board of Trustees Meeting, January 10, 2019

This meeting of the UUFLG Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:06 p.m. at UUFLG.

Present:

Linda Osborne (president)

Karen O'Brien (vice president)

Lynn Golbetz (secretary)

Rick Roberts (treasurer)

Sarah Ditzler (DRE)

Edy Young

The board approved the minutes for the December 13, 2018, meeting.

Religious Education

Willow is on hiatus for an undefined period. As a temporary solution, the elementary and middle school classes have been combined. Sarah will ascertain Willow's future plans.

Stewardship

Sarah and Edy reported on the progress of the Stewardship Working Group (SWG). The group would really like to get the bathrooms in order; they are outdated, inefficient, and unappealing. Edy distributed an architect's plans for a three-bathroom setup; the architect believes blueprints based on this would receive building/planning approval.

A rough guess is that this version of the project would cost \$150,000. Edy has offered to lend the Fellowship this amount for this purpose, at the same interest rate she would receive from her savings account (which is close to 3% at present). The Fellowship would pay approximately \$4,000-\$5,000 a year on this loan, which would be forgiven upon her death (which the board hopes is many years away). The UUA would charge about 5% for a loan.

The next step is to get a general sense of the costs. Rick will ask a contractor he knows if he would be interested in providing such a sense, and Ron will do the same. The SWG will also need to decide whether this project should be done before or after the windows and any other important tasks.

Edy reported that the Design Group and the Fitch family are both developing designs for the foyer. This will also be on the SWG priority list, as will replacement of the deck shade cloth. The group will also consider issues such as placement of any new heating/cooling unit vis-à-vis the proposed shower.

Building and Grounds

Rick reported that the foyer/lounge ceiling project ended up coming in exactly on budget, with 12 lights installed instead of the eight that had been planned. Some debris from the project is currently stored outside; Rick and Ron will remove it very shortly.

Weatherstripping of the exterior doors is planned.

Use of Facility by LifeRing

The board consensus was that this group's general cause seems consistent with Fellowship values, but we would need a specific proposal for regular use of the facility from this (or any other) group. We would also need to check the insurance coverage for such use.

Finance

Jean-Marc Blanchard has joined the Finance Committee.

The committee's current focus is the pledge drive, which will begin in February. The committee hopes Rev. Fa Jun can be more involved (e.g., mentioning the drive from the pulpit, attending the auction). Rick is checking with our bank on setting up automatic deposit for pledges.

The possibility was raised of asking for additional pledges for the building fund.

Laurie and Donna are organizing a concert by Roy Zimmerman, tentatively scheduled for March 22. Tickets would cost \$20; proceeds would be split 70/30 with the Fellowship, and we could also sell wine and/or snacks.

Connections

The Connections Committee has discussed "having the board review our website to be sure the information on it is current and accurate." The board agreed this would be a big job. Lynn noted that there is currently a policy on who is responsible for reviewing what section/s of the website, and how often, but that this is mostly honored in the breach. She will update her current draft list and circulate it for comment.

Rev. Fa Jun's report noted that he has not been able to do as much Facebook boosting as originally planned, and that the holidays are not necessarily representative of our usual attendance. He would like to continue his efforts in February and analyze the results in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be held at 7:00 on Thursday, Feb. 14, at UUFLG.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Golbetz (Secretary)

Action Items

Linda	In March, ask for committee annual reports (look at everything we've done this year)
Lynn	Review remaining policies and circulate one or two each month with proposed updates Review bylaws to ascertain if any other amendments would be useful
Lynn & Sarah	Look at/revise RE portions of safe congregation policy
Rev. Fa Jun	Check with Connections re potential outreach working group
Ron	Check with Building & Grounds on allocating some bulletin board space for members to advertise their skills/services
Sarah	Ask Willow her plans Prepare draft of procedures for background checks