

Minutes, UUFLG Board of Trustees Meeting, Aug. 15, 2019

This meeting of the UUFLG Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at UUFLG.

Present:

Linda Osborne (president) (by phone)
Karen O'Brien (vice president)
Lynn Golbetz (secretary)

Rick Roberts (treasurer)
Edy Young

The board approved the minutes for the July 11, 2019, meeting.

Connections

The board reviewed the results of the survey on social activities conducted by the Connections Committee. The number of respondents was very small, and the board determined it does not have sufficient information to take any action, although it would be happy for Connections to organize new activities if it so desires. The board would also like to hear more from Connections about why it is requesting trustee presence at social activities. The trustees want to fully understand the need and how this attendance would help address it. Lynn will ask Connections about this.

Stewardship

Edy presented a summary of the responses to the sample colors for the new shade cloth. With each second-place vote weighted at half a first-place vote, the results were: green, 22.5; tan, 14; gray, 13.5; rust, 10; and blue, 2.5. Although these numbers necessarily reflect only the thoughts of those present at this particular social hour, the total number of votes is relatively high, given the size of our congregation. Edy indicated that at some point the doors on that side of the building would also be painted to harmonize with the color chosen for the cloth.

The board voted to authorize Rick to proceed with contracting for installation of green replacement shade cloth.

The board discussed the decision process on painting the siding. The conclusion was that whether to paint it the existing color to keep it in good shape is a decision for Building and Grounds, which has the budget for it.

Edy has some suggestions on colors for the building as a whole, whenever that painting is undertaken, and will send this information to Rick. She noted that we cannot paint over the gutters or frames, which are chocolate brown, so any new color will have to harmonize with them.

Rick noted that the Stewardship priority list was shared at the last business meeting. Also, Stewardship will be continuing to meet, though less often than it did when preparing the initial list. The board agreed that the list should be more readily available to the congregation. Lynn will draft emails to Ellen Hill, summarizing tonight's discussion, and to the UUFLG discussion group, attaching the list and emphasizing that it is not set in stone.

The board voted to post the Stewardship facility priorities list and circulate it to the UUFLG discussion group.

The board reviewed the water-usage data circulated by Ann Campbell. The numbers have improved since Rick and Ron repaired numerous hidden leaks, but they are still not optimal. Rick is working on figuring out a new sprinkler system, which would cost about \$5,000. The board agreed to discuss this further in September.

Rick noted that the exterior doors are becoming more of an issue, especially now that we have more renters. In addition to issues of energy efficiency, we need to consider fire safety and emergency security measures.

The Design Group would like to temporarily remove one of the fake rocks in the foyer wall to see what is underneath. The board has no objection.

Finance

Rick has discharged our current cleaning service, Anago, as of the end of August. He will prepare a contract for Albert James as our new custodian.

Ann Campbell is investigating potential accountants for the fellowship.

The Finance and Endowment Committees have met and agreed on the destination of the funds bequeathed by the Charles A. Walton Personal Trust. The UU Association has a building fund separate from the endowment fund. \$60,000 of the bequest will go into the building fund and the remaining \$10,262.42 into the endowment fund. For future bequests, Finance and Endowment will meet and recommend splits for the board's approval. Meanwhile, Endowment will work to clarify the policy on this.

The board approved moving forward with submission of the funds bequeathed from the Charles A. Walton Personal Trust to the UUA building and endowment funds, with \$60,000 going to the former and \$10,262.42 to the latter.

The board briefly discussed the September pasta feed. Lynn volunteered her daughter to make garlic bread, and Cindy offered to prepare a vegetarian pasta sauce. The board will finalize the details at its September meeting.

Personal Safety Policy

The board conducted its biannual review of the Personal Safety Policy and adopted revisions that delete the language specific to children and youth, instead referencing the separate Safe Church Policy. Lynn will request Rev. Fa Jun to include the revised policy in the September newsletter.

The board approved the revised Personal Safety Policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54. The next meeting of the board will be held at 7:00 on Thursday, September 12, at UUFLG.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Golbetz (Secretary)

Motions Approved

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