

CC Board of Trustees
August 23, 2022
6:30 pm

Attendees: Andy Foskey, Dave Benn, Sally Peixoto, Christian Horvath, Farin Cloyd, Mandy Goheen, and Camille Mason.

Opening Words/Chalice Lighting: Christian

There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there has always been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge. (Isaac Asimov, 1980)

Questions for small group discussion:

Is our human society still progressing or are things going downhill ?
What are the implications for our church community?

Check-In

Read the [Board Covenant](#). Read by Rev Mandy

Consent Items:

- Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
 - not presented. Rev Mandy mentioned that Pam's Ordination was funded by Church of God money, her gift stole by Minister's Professional fund. Christian reminded us we'll need to meet soon (by October) to review the budget, and bring that (with by-laws) to a congregational meeting
- VP Reports
- Staff Reports

Christian moved to approve, Dave seconded. Unanimously approved.

Updates:

Board Retreat

- rewrite our covenant (including staff)
- sociocracy introduction and practice
- minister's evaluation planning

- community building
- plan and prioritize visions
- and define board rep

Dylan's Schedule

- Tuesdays won't work
- Can we meet in person? Possibly every other month, possibly after church on Sunday
- Andy will send an email after the meeting checking with everyone's schedules

Decision Items:

Revisiting COVID policy

- lots of ideas and feelings, let's consider and come ready to discuss it at the retreat
- Farin will send an email this week with the current policy

Information/Planning:

- Staff personnel files needed for everyone this week!
- potential fundraiser for Religious Education (looks good)

Check Out

Closing words: Christian

"I am an atheist, out and out. It took me a long time to say it. I've been an atheist for years and years, but somehow I felt it was intellectually unrespectable to say one was an atheist, because it assumed knowledge that one didn't have. Somehow, it was better to say one was a humanist or an agnostic. I finally decided that I'm a creature of emotion as well as of reason. Emotionally, I am an atheist. I don't have the evidence to prove that God doesn't exist, but I so strongly suspect he doesn't that I don't want to waste my time." (Isaac Asimov, 1982)

Opening/Closing words for September: Sally Peixoto

Next Meeting is ~~September 27 at 6:30~~ TBD at retreat

VP and Staff Reports - August 2022

UUCC Staff Reports - August 2022

Rev. Mandy Goheen

- Serving as Chair for the UU Women's Federation
- Continues to work with the UU Commission on Social Witness
- Sermon and service planning for the year
- Board Retreat planning with Andy Foskey and Sally Peixoto
- Pastoral care and conflict resolution
- Applied for and received a waiver from the Ministerial Fellowship Committee (will address at board meeting).

Farin Cloyd – Administrator

- Purchased a new theme for UUCC Website and made some critical upgrades – current website is VERY out-of-date. I'm projecting that the updated website will be published mid-September.
- Working with Gary Beale to make sure our website meets ADA requirements.
- Implemented a new Welcome Email system for visitors through our website.
- Helped plan and execute the Ordination of Rev. Pamela Johnson.
- Continues to monitor COVID numbers in our area and relay our current guidelines to visitors, members, and friends.

Camille Mason – DRE

- RE Retreat was very successful!
- Formation of Chattanooga Community youth group that will include a social justice curriculum for youth across the community (2x per month)
- Planned out RE events for the year
 - RE/Youth Nights - 5x
 - Service Projects after multigen services
 - SJ collection in October, January, and May
- Multigenerational service planning with WOWzers and Rev. Mandy to make services smoother.
- Coordinating with Social Justice on RE curriculum and projects

August Board Report - Religious Growth

Sunday Morning RE

- Classes will be split by age group starting in September
- Nursery is open, with plans to hire more workers (RE committee on standby as volunteers)

Committee

Annual retreat happened. Established goal for 2022-2023 year:

RE wants *MORE*

- more kids and teens
- more volunteers
- more engagement upstairs and downstairs
- variety of opportunities
- Priority: coordinating multigenerational services to be more actively multigenerational
- Priority: starting a *Chattanooga Community Youth Group* for our teens and teens from other churches, led by Camille
- Priority: regular social events (*RE Nights*) and regular social justice/service events
- Priority: start OWL program by training facilitators and establishing commitment from UUCC and collaborating churches in the fall, to offer OWL in spring for at least one age group

Upcoming Special Events

In September:

- Sunday 11th RE church service project (cleanup) with pizza
- Friday/Saturday 16th/17th *RE Night* Game Night

Lifespan Learning

1. Summer Forum has one speaker left (postponed to this Sunday for extenuating circumstances)
 - a. It's been somewhat improvised and largely amazing. We need to properly support and continue this sort of thing!

Board Report - Congregational Life – Christian Horvath

8/23/2022 (Main Points for Board Meeting in Blue)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ACTIVITIES

70th Anniversary UUCC

- **1950s Cooking/Dinner Event with 50s Costumes or Fashion Show** – tentatively planned for September or October 2022 >> Christian needs to finalize the date with the Church office and with Jen Horning and Gale Audier as co-hosts

1st and 3rd Wednesday Coffee

- Gathering has been well established, but in August with lower numbers.

Wednesday Potluck Dinner

- People have reached out to Selina what to do on a 5th Wednesday. So, she would like to organize a Wednesday Potluck Dinner for next Wednesday (Aug 31st) at church. Time: 6pm (tentatively).

Summer Adult Education Series (“Environmental Justice in Chattanooga”)

- 6 of 7 events have taken place. Attendance varied with almost 30 attendees for the event with the TN Environmental Council. Church members actively participated in providing snacks and a small meal. Lots of excitement among the participants for this series.
- Last event scheduled for Sunday, 28th – Southern Environmental Law Center
- Forgone opportunity to attract more people in the community as advertising request through WUTC by Selina was repeatedly rejected or ignored in early Summer. Hopefully, we utilize such opportunities in the future better.

Summer Nights Series (“Environmental Justice in Chattanooga”)

3 events planned:

- 7/16/2022 – Bicycle Ride on Riverwalk to St. Elmo.
10 adults and 3 children participated (Twice as many as last year!).
- 7/30/2022 – Attend Base Ball game of Chattanooga Lookouts
- 8/20/2022 – Changed event to: Shovels & Rope concert. Mandy, how did it go?

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship – No attendance records since July 24, 2022 ???