

UUCC Board of Trustees Meeting

February 15, 2023

6:30, Virtual

Attendees: *Andy Foskey, Dave Benn, Judy Gallagher, Christian Horvath, Dylan Kussman, John Standridge, Farin Cloyd, Mandy Goheen, Camille Mason*

Opening Words/Chalice Lighting: Andy

Check-In

Read the [Board Covenant](#).

Consent Items:

- Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- VP Reports

Judy moved that all reports and minutes be approved. John Seconded.

Unanimously approved..

Purchasing a van for RE: The Religious Education committee has been dreaming of getting a van for the youth to decorate (as an ad-on-wheels) and use for transportation (to do service projects, etc.). Sally has the opportunity to potentially buy a used (60k mile) 2006 Chevrolet Uplander LS from Siskin for \$2,000. Erica Gershwin took a brief look at it and says it seems generally fine for its age, with a possible minor leak and rusted brake rotors, and suggests budgeting another \$2k for repairs and maintenance with the hope of it costing closer to \$500. [Report](#)

Christian said there is \$1500 left from past fundraisers for RE. John said a class D with "F" license is needed. May require a written test. Need two adults in each vehicle. We need to find out if it's still available. We need to vote on if we want to move forward if it's available, or to set aside the funds if another opportunity presents itself. Mandy suggests we talk to possible donors to pay for the van, or get kids involved in ideas of raising funds.

It still needs to be seen by a mechanic.

Dylan made the motion to set aside the funds to purchase the van should it be available and pass all requisite mechanical things are checked out. Christian seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Updates/Discussion:

- Bylaw revisions. Reviewed most recent changes.
We had a discussion of the proposed revisions. One first revision, replace with “.... to invite all persons to participate in all its activities....”

Addition: At least 3 (three) at-large members, with additional members as needed for special projects considered.

John moved we adopt the revisions as mentioned. Dylan seconded. Unanimously approved.

- Approving members of Committee on Shared Ministry:
Judith Pedersen-Benn
Rev. Pam Johnson
Tim Hunt
Talía Walsh
Mandy also recommends as a back up, Courtney McKinney (DRE in Birmingham, AL)

Judy moved to approve the slate for committee members. John seconded the motion.
Unanimously approved.

- Copy machine: New copier coming from Standridge's home. Farin is concerned the donated copier will not be serviceable. We'll have to pay for parts and service, and toner, etc. Quote from Banes is \$2500 for a refurbished copier. Suggestion to add funds to a contingency line in next year's budget.
- Cell Tower: An offer from a company that would pay us rent, then lease the right away to others. Bill Derrickson has found someone to review and give us recommendations. Recommendation will come to the board for final vote.

Check Out

Closing words: Andy Opening/Closing words for March: John

Next meeting date: March 19 at 12:30 after service. Potluck is suggested.

January/February Board Report - Religious Growth

Sunday Morning RE

- Because of vast age range, we will begin an occasional separate preschool class
- We hired more nursery workers! Now there are 4, so 2 will be ready every week
- Offering a teacher training after service in late February

Special Events

- January had a K-12 lock-in, high interest
 - Decided against joining Social Justice for the movie night since it was same weekend
- Checking in with kids about when they want the next event
- Mountain Cons are February! We have several kids attending

Multigen Services & Service Projects

- February multigen service will be teen led
- March multigen service will be decided by the kids during one of their RE sessions
- Coordinating with Y for service project packing lunches

Music

- Our new (interim) music director Selina is planning to coordinate music with the kids!
- Sharla and Pam Johnson are also interested in teaching UU songs and coordinating music with our children and youth

UUCC Staff Reports - February 2023

- **MINISTER** . Reports will start coming from the Committee on Shared Ministry.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
 - see VP Religious Growth Report
- **ADMINISTRATION**
 - Updating calendar after Quarterly Council planning (thank you!!)
 - Working on repairs to portico damage with LR and Dave Benn.
 - Planning new UUCC visitor 'swag' (connection cards, 'free gift' coupon, brochures, etc) waiting until the copier decision is made.

- Reintroduced new service slides with help from Rev. Mandy to help with accessibility
- Reformatted newsletter to be shorter and more concise - readership hasn't shown much improvement, but I've gotten good feedback
- **BOOKKEEPING**
 - Sent out contribution reports to members
 - Regular upkeep of invoices, bills, reimbursements, etc.

Treasurer's Report January 2023

Tasks: 1) W2s and 1099s for 2022 have been issued and e-filed. 2) Totals for Quarterly 941s and total W2s matched. Total wages for 2022 were \$110,481. 3) Tax tables for 2023 have been updated in PowerChurch. 4) Financial data for UUA Congregational Certification has been submitted.

Balance Sheet (Assets and Liabilities)

1) The checking account balance now is \$12,943.24. MoneyMarket is at \$41,793.22, giving us cash assets of \$54,736.46. Checking and total cash assets are about \$6,000-\$7,000 less than last month.

2) Fidelity balances have not been updated as of February 4, 2023.

Income/Expense Statement (Incoming versus Outgoing Cash)

1) Pledge income for January, as expected, dropped compared to December to \$5,133.33. Year-to-date (YTD) pledge income just barely exceeds the YTD for the prior year and the YTD budget.

2) Total income for January was \$8,847 (rounded). The YTD Total Income, at \$109,835, exceeds the YTD budget by approximately \$6,000. YTD Total Income, however, is less than YTD Prior Year by about \$2,300.

3) Cell tower rental increased by \$59.

4) Expenses for January were \$15,482. Total expenses for the year, at \$111,298, are over \$100,000 less than budgeted.

5) Income less expenses for January gives us negative cash flow of \$6,634.94 for this month versus negative \$1,452.97 for YTD. The YTD negative income is almost \$12,000 less than budgeted.

Endowment I am unable to log into the Endowment Fund account view. The log-in asks for a phone number to call or text for a verification code and it is not my phone number.

Fidelity Mutual Funds -- The total of our account on 01/31/2023 appears to have been \$91,311.15, which was \$15,441.98 Duncan and \$75,869.17 regular. Fidelity did not post a statement for January.

January/February Board Report - Religious Growth and DRE (In highlight)

Sunday Morning RE

- Because of vast age range, we will begin an occasional separate preschool class. This class is called Chalice children. It will be led by Wendy Sapp.
- The Nursery is consistently having 5-7 kids in the nursery.
- We hired more nursery workers! Now there are 4, so 2 will be ready every week
- Offering a teacher training after service February 26th. Some snacks provided

Special Events

- January had a K-12 lock-in, high interest (9 children attended)
 - Decided against joining Social Justice for the movie night since it was same weekend
- Checking in with kids about when they want the next event
- Mountain Cons are February! We have several kids attending
 - Elementary Mountain Con: 4 Kids, 2 adults
 - Intermediate Mountain Con: 5 Kids, 2 Adults

Multigen Services & Service Projects

- February multigen service will be teen led- Grey Henry wrote the service, 4 teens involved, as well as some middle and elementary school children
- March multigen service will be decided by the kids during one of their RE sessions
 - The service will be based around Leo Tolstoy's 3 Questions. Kids will make art to share and present during the service.
- Coordinating with Y for service project packing lunches

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Board Report - Congregational Life – Christian Horvath

2/13/2022

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ACTIVITIES

1st and 3rd Wednesday Coffee

- Attendance is good and discussions are very lively and well received by the participants.

2nd and 4th Wednesday Dinner (Potluck)

- More than 20 people attended the Potluck dinner on 1/25/2023 and 12 people attended the potluck dinner on 2/8/2023. /1We combined it with a discussion about the By-Laws. Em Wagner and Teresa Bates joined the organizational team.

1950s Dinner Party (2/18/2023 at 6pm)

- Around 25 people volunteered to bring food and beverages, provide music, help with setup and clean up.
- Childcare will be provided and funded from the proceeds of the evening
- A financial report will be provided with the proceeds and expenses
- The core team (Gale A., Daidee S., Jen H., Teresa B., Gary B., Jon L. and Christian H.) will meet on 2/14/2023 to finalize the setup, suggested donations for entrance and alcohol.
- I will stress at the event that this event commemorates the start of the UUC church in the 1950s and that the UU church was always very vocal about its support for the civil rights movement, women's rights and embracing our LGBTQ+ community.

Talent Show (3/25/2023 at 6pm)

- Selina and Christian will organize the talent show and will kick off the preparations on 2/19/2023

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship (1/8 through 2/12– 6 Sundays, vs 12/20 through 12/4– 3 Sundays)

- Total Attendance further increased to 89 (81 in Nov./Dec).
 - In Person Attendance: 63 Adults (54) and 10 children (9)
 - Online Attendance: 16 (18) – remains remarkable steady!
 - **Peak Attendance of 111 on Jan. 8, 2023 – highest since 3/8/2020**