

Minutes

Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville Board Meeting September 11, 2018 at 6:00 PM Fletcher Room, UUCJ

Present: Phillip Baber, Mark Dickens, Laurie Mai, Penny Reid, Laura TaVoularis, John White, Rebecca Wilcox

Absent: Carolyn Fields

Guests: Tom Larson, Tina Ramey

Opening Words: Mark Dickens, positive motivation

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to accept minutes (Penny); Seconded (Laurie); Approved unanimously

Reports

Minister (report presented in person and mailed electronically)

- No additional information to present

DRE (report presented in writing from Phillip; DRE letter of concern, p 27)

- Notes desire to separate Walenthorpe (youth group) into two groups due to growth in size
- **Action:**
 - o Attendee form (for children/youth) needs to include and differentiate Water Village and Walenthorpe
 - o Also note that column averages off due to a value of zero added into column

Church Administration (p 14)

Note questions to be addressed by Board in report

- Proposal for Board to allow Membership Chair (Sunnie Baber) access to CMS to update membership data
 - o A change needs policy review (policy on access made and passed in 2016)
 - Mark proposed a Task Force to deal with this issue and to bring recommendation to Board at next meeting; Task Force will provide temporary relief if needed (until next meeting to review policy)
- Proposal for budget line for new white boards
 - o It had been referred to Building and Grounds for purchase; that committee has no available funds
 - o **Motion (Penny): authorize Rob (B & G) to allow B & G to go \$1000 over budget to buy white boards. Second (Laurie). No discussion. Unanimous approval.**

Communications Report (p 15)

- Penny and Phillip noted benefits of Breeze CMS; ease of emailing, ability to send mass text messages, graphing, zip code breakdown of congregation

Treasurer Report (pp 6-14)

- Continued concern with Wells Fargo (Brokerage Account)

- Board approves request by Treasurer to examine other brokerage accounts and, if good location/agency found, to move brokerage account

Capital Campaign Committee Report (Kathleen)

- Naming Rights
 - Discussion about naming rights and renaming rooms; Steering Committee chose not to rename various rooms but to have a “sponsorship” instead
 - Issue of renaming church for large donation unlikely & would have to come before Board and decided by congregation. Any possible change would likely be in honor of person of historic significance locally, not after an individual donor
- Coaching session by professional fundraiser September 17, 3:00-6:00 pm UUCJ; Board members encouraged to attend
 - Steering Committee (and fundraiser) want 100% participation in pledge drive
 - Pledge forms provided for Board members

Portfolio Board Reports (pp 16-20)

I. New business

- Committee Reorganization Chart
 - Laurie met with Phillip to discuss reorganization and they went through what the committees are charged with doing.
 - See proposed changes (attached to agenda documents, pp 17-18)
 - Suggestion (Laurie & Phillip) to have second sign-up/in-service day to promote committee membership and engagement
 - Long discussion re CYREC, change of its name, to whom it reports, the scope of its charter
 - Advisory/counseling role removed from latest charter
 - Numerous Board members noted need for some oversight/advising for DRE beyond immediate supervisor
 - **Motion (Rebecca) to table entire committee structure changes ; Second (Penny); Unanimous vote to table changes until further notice**
- **Motion to move into Executive Session (Laurie); Second (Rebecca); Board voted to move into executive session**
 - **Discussion Not Public**

TABLED for next meeting

- LDC meets Sep 17; Board nominations are on the agenda.
- **Congregational Life Committee (Charter Needed)**

II. Old Business

- Church Administrator Search Update
- Roof Repairs
- DOT funds (\$35,000)

III. Announcements

Next Board Meeting - October 9, 2018

IV. Adjournment: 9:22 pm