

UUCGT Board of Trustees Minutes

05/15/17

President Linda Fletcher convened the meeting at 5:30 PM. In addition to Linda, present were Rabbi Chava Bahle, Donna Stein-Harris, Phyllis Jessup, Gretchen Kronk, Karl Love and Don Pyne. Kay Sturgeon was enjoying a well-earned vacation.

Congregational members present: Tom Darnton, Mike McDonald, Sandra McDonald, Richard Miller, Lynette Rhodes and Mary Van Valin.

President Linda Fletcher welcomed members and guests. The board then received comments from members in attendance.

Phyllis moved approval of the agenda and consent agenda with support by Don Pyne. The motion was approved.

Linda informed the Board that we have received three applicants to represent our congregation at General Assembly this June.

Phyllis moved that the Organizational Chart and Stewardship Initiative Task Force be dissolved now that their work is complete. Karl seconded the motion. There was discussion about the steps required by the next Board of Trustees. Karl suggested that the work of the Task Force consists of three broad areas that, while connected, may be supported by distinct groups. Staff issues should be and currently are under consideration by Staff Resources. The second group would involve linking ministry and the Program Council. It was concluded that it would be natural for the Committee on Ministry to work with the Program Council on this area. The third area would be stewardship. Stewardship would involve the Finance, Pledge, Membership Committees and others. It would be incumbent upon the Board to coordinate these groups. Most likely with a Board group of three trustees. Concluding discussion, the Board passed the resolution dissolving the Organizational Task Force with much thanks and appreciation for their work.

Tom Darnton Presented to the Board a proposed program know as "Who Are We Now". The program originated in and was endorsed by the Leadership Development Committee. The program is projected to transpire over a period of three years. The proposal outlined plans to engage larger group meetings throughout that period as well as working within the Congregation's existing committee structure. Concluding his presentation, Tom asked the Board to appoint a work team of three to five people to coordinate full implementation. Tom further requested five to ten minutes at the annual meeting to present the plan to the Congregation. Considerable discussion ensued. There was discussion, continuing on matters discussed in the last Board meeting, regarding the Board's need to manage task forces and ad hoc committees, holding them accountable to their charter. Also, there were many questions regarding the specific objectives of the plan, how they would be measured. There was general consensus that the plan while worthy, was in need of more clarity, more forward focus and more specific details.

Don moved that the board encourage further development of the concept but in it's current form, was premature to present at the Annual Meeting. Karl seconded the motion, which passed.

Gretchen presented the proposed Safe Congregation Policy update. Linda that the update was not requested by the Board and was drafted without regard to Board policy intentions. The proposal was returned to committee.

At 7:08 PM the board broke, having concluded regular session business.

At 7:13 PM the board went into executive session to consider issues regarding the Healthy Reconciliation Task Force. The board also reviewed confidential Safe Congregation matters.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl D. Love, Secretary