Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Grand Traverse
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 16, 2015

Present: President, Marco Cabrera Vice-President, Jerry Beasley Secretary, Janet Zerbel
Trustees, Richard Miller, Becky Somsel, Mike McDonald
Rabbi Chava
Newly elected board members: Shelly Burnes, Nick Erber, Gail Trill
Guests: Tom Darnton, Beryl Striewski

Absent: Treasurer, Kay Sturgeon

Call to Order by President Marco Cabrera 10:00

Check In

Chalice Lighting, Opening Words - Covenant

Minutes:
May Minutes approved with minor corrections. Jerry moved, Marco seconded, minutes approved.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda
Marco called attention to top of minutes which should be continued: "respect the agenda" - for guests.
Additions:
1 - ministerial team change recommendations
2 - error in election process
3 - Autumn Affairs

Public Comment - none

Consent Agenda
Staff Report
Finance Committee Reports
Discussion regarding indebtedness.
Jerry moved to approve agenda. Mike seconded. Passed.

Officer/Committee Reports
Chava: Concern about time spent on CEO duties as we transition to Program Size. Asked for possible input.
Marco responded by suggesting that the congregation be informed as to expectations for our Spiritual Leader in regards to the Program Size Congregation. He will review and send recommendations to next year's Board president. Expectations of the Ministry Team should also be identified for the Program Size Congregation and how the Spiritual Leader's efforts lead to that.

June 27 meeting of Program Council explained to new bd members.

Business:
Growing Pains Task Force gave Ministerial Team the task of coming up with recommendations. **No decisions have been made regarding 2 services.** There is a problem with drop-in RE in present 1 service Sunday. *Sarah and Chava presented a draft of how two services could be done.* Highlights:

9 - 9:45 on 1st & 3rd Sundays - Contemplative service.
2nd & 4th Sundays - Multiple learning options.
Children all Sundays would begin with contemplative reflection and then go to curriculum based education.

"In between time" 9:45 - 10:30 Coffee, library showcasing, Vocal ensemble in sanctuary.

10:30 - 11:45 Regular service as is now. RE would be one room schoolhouse with dynamic learning centers focused on principles/sources. More drop-in friendly.

Questions and discussion followed.

Multiple services concern. Would it result in splitting up the congregation? Might help to have one service only (10:30) on special "All Congregation Sundays".

RE/"Lifespan Experience" - Deepen learning experience for all, expand offerings, more community outreach, opportunity for talents of our members, small group ministry as a learning experience.

Music director goals/growing edges - engage more folks through music, especially young people/children.

Not yet addressed challenge: People power for hospitality, greeters, lifespan teachers, etc./ 2 - Discussion followed, including having teen-agers trained to do the second coffee hour. Do we have the critical mass? May have small group conversations and chances for input. Need Bd to contemplate and make suggestions. Sound system people big concern.

Religious Education
After discussion about changes to the structure and scope of existing RE Committee, Becky moved to accept the recommendation of the Ministerial Team that the group currently defined as the Religious Education Committee be retitled the Lifespan Experience Committee. Jerry seconded. Motion passed

Mike moved to accept the recommendation of the Ministerial Team that the position currently called Director of Religious Education be retitled Director of Lifespan Experiences. Becky seconded. Motion passed.

LGBTQUU Group

Discussion of Rachel Snyder's recommendations: 1. that the LGBTQ support group become a small group ministry of this congregation; 2. that the group be modeled on peer support and that the existing requirement for the presence of a professional counselor be dropped; 3. that the group always be co-facilitated (at least two people present to facilitate); 4. that the facilitators attend the congregation's Fall training for leadership in small group ministry, which includes facilitations skills, healthy boundaries, Safe Congregation Policy, etc.

Jerry moved to remove the word "Fall" in #4. Becky seconded. Amendment passed. Vote on amended motion passed.

Nursery-Handicap Accessible Bathroom
Discussion regarding the safety issues and inconvenience of having people use the bathroom in the nursery. Congregation to be made aware that only those in wheelchairs are to use that bathroom. Facilities Committee and ADA groups need to be aware of the need for study and recommendations for a solution for a more convenient wheelchair access bathroom.

Wall Mural
Beryl Striewski:
The A & E Committee asks for approval. Beryl described the mural that would be painted on the wall outside the nursery. Discussion focused on permanence being an issue. After much discussion, Jerry moved to approve the original proposal on the mural. Becky seconded. Motion passed with 1 nay vote.

Autumn Affairs Fundraiser
Mike McDonald submitted plan and asked for clarifications.
Limit on $2,000 from this for GA fund suggested by Marco. Beyond that dedicated amount, how should remaining funds be dedicated? Discussion followed.
Jerry moved that we reserve extra funds beyond the $3,500 for congregation and $2,000 for GA scholarships and that remaining funds be available for appropriate community outreach and social justice. Becky seconded. Motion passed.

Error in election
Marco will include explanation in his Beacon article of Becky's name not being included for a vote on the Annual Meeting ballot. Jerry moved that we appoint Becky for a 1 year term. Richard seconded. motion passed

Acknowledgment of Termination of Services for Custodian and cleaning company has been engaged.

Acknowledgement of Hiring of Office Administrator

Sunday Services Committee
Jalene Moore leaving SSC. Mike moved to appoint, as co-chairs, Nancy Cotcamp and Hal Gurian. Jerry seconded. Motion passed.

End of Year Review:
What fell through the cracks? Mostly there are things to be continued, such as copyright issues, growing pains task force, covenant of conduct, script cards.

Public Comment:
Tom Darnton - How do we govern ourselves? What do we think the decision is going to be and how will it be made? (Regarding 2- services plan.)

Extinguish chalice and closing words: Marco thanked the board.

Closing words for July meeting: Mike McDonald

Next Meeting: Tuesday July 21, 2015 Time to be determined by new Board members.

Jerry moved to adjourn. Richard seconded. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted,
Janet Zerbel, sec'y