

Minutes from UUCGT Board Work Meeting
November 3, 2015 12:30

President Becky Somsel called the meeting to order at 12:30pm and welcomed approx. 20 guests. Note: Because this was a work meeting and not a 'regular meeting' no motions were entertained.

In attendance: Shelley Burnes, Marco Cabrera, Mike McDonald, Jerry Beasley, Becky Somsel & Rabbi Chava. Nick Erber was out of town for work, and Gail Trill was out of town as well.

- I. Board Reports: As a result of a discussion among the board members and Chava and Sarah, Board Reports will be fact based and available to the general public. If at any point a staff member would like feedback/discussion on a topic, he/she will address the board with a confidential written report.
- II. Discussion re: moving forward with the Sunday Evening Group. Mike, Shelley and Nick will meet with the group and ask some questions. No action will be taken until our consultant makes recommendations. We'll let them figure out what is best...perhaps just 2 people who are not emotionally involved.
- III. Linda Fletcher suggested a group of 9 meet weekly for 4 consecutive weeks to see what work they could achieve in that period of time. The group would consist of 3 VE (conflicted and non-conflicted) members, 3 congregants, and 3 board members. There was lots of positive reaction to this suggestion.
- IV. Consultant Update from Rabbi Chava – Dan Hotchkiss has asked the board to answer what objective do we have and then he would skype with the board and follow up with suggestions as to how to proceed and a cost for the work. Rabbi Chava has been trying to set up a facilitator to work with the board for our retreat on 11/17/15 prior to our regularly scheduled board meeting.
- V. New confidentiality agreement – Rick Walter recommended adding committee on ministry to those who need to sign the agreement (and add them to the language as to who is included at the top of the agreement) and another statement in the document should indicate that the confidentiality for each group is based on confidentiality within each specific group's prevue.
- VI. Shelley Burnes read a letter to the board indicating concern re: confidentiality and closed session. She also indicated that she will not speak with one voice.
- VII. Discussion re: concerns of Gail's letter to the Board was tabled until further meeting with Gail present.

President Becky Somsel adjourned the meeting at 2:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Somsel 11-07-2015