

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Grand Traverse
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 21, 2015

Present: Vice-president Jerry Beasley, Treasurer Kay Sturgeon, Secretary, Jan Zerbel
Trustees: Richard Miller, Becky Somsel Rabbi Chava Bahle

Absent: President Marco Cabrera, Trustee Mike McDonald

Guests: Jane Watts, Ann Swaney

Call to order: 10:03

Check-in

Chalice lighting, Opening Words: Board covenant

Minutes:

March minutes - Wherever Copyright Policy is mentioned, change to Copyright Report. "Issue Recommendation" to replace "Policy Recommendation". Amended motion made by Becky and seconded by Richard passed unanimously.

Additions/Changes to Agenda - Kay moved to accept addition of closed session. Richard seconded. passed unanimously

Public Comment - none

Consent Agenda

Staff Report

Finance Committee Reports - none

Chava's report - Asks how her monthly reports and goals feel to the Board. Discussion regarding difficulty of managing incoming communication and responsibilities.

Becky moved to approve consent agenda, seconded by Jerry. passed unanimously

Officer/Committee Reports

Policy Committee report - Kay.

Five policies are "in the works". One is finance. Virtually done with art & exhibit committee framework. Working on looking at policies where Chava (minister) is listed as member when it can be changed to read "as needed". Minister/Rabbi would then be ex officio of those committees and would not be required to attend all meetings. Discussion regarding procedure and constant changes and their effect on policy determining time it takes to get policy "finalized". When policy is finalized, administrator will send email to all Bd. members.

Business:

Picture Directory - Membership Book (Jane Watts)

Membership Committee has done it in the past. People have requested a new one. Last done in 2009.

Jane asks the Bd. if a new directory is a good idea. Unanimously yes. Two people needed to head up the task. Directories would be free but people could opt to buy their own

pictures. The company that does the directory would need to know a time frame. Fall seems a good time, possibly Oct.

Kay reports that Gail Trill has volunteered to be volunteer coordinator. Volunteer coordinator(s) would report to Membership Committee.

Discussion regarding what should be done with pictures taken of new members. Could they be put in Beacon &/or Flash?

Copyright Approval Conversation (Update from last month)

Becky moved that the Board approve the completion of the legal documents addressed in the email from Sheila Eddy (SHRR - Grand Rapids) re: copyright, and to send this action to the Finance Committee for recommendation for funding. Prior to final commitment, Maura Brennan will confirm with Ms Eddy that exact documentation.

Richard seconded. Discussion. Requires approval of Finance Committee and then it would come back to Bd. for approval. Kay amended "recommendation with qualifiers" rather than "approval". Discussion regarding "not to exceed" wording - Recommendation for funding, the amount not to exceed \$2,000.

Becky withdrew her motion. Vote on adding the amendment passed. Vote on **amended motion**: "The Board will approve the completion of the legal documents addressed in the email from Sheila Eddy (SHRR - Grand Rapids) re: copyright, and send this action to Finance Committee for recommendation for funding, the amount not to exceed \$2,000 Prior to final commitment, Maura Brenna will confirm with Ms Eddy that exact documentation." Motion passed unanimously.

Becky suggested moving forward with the copyright process for Chava's teachings. Marco will set up a UU blog for it and for other speakers. Maura to draw up a temp. doc. for Chava to sign. Marco will talk with Gail - we need somebody to do the tech. part.

Covenant of Conduct (Chava)

This doc. is more procedural than the one done when Leisa was here. Chava is thinking of a way to bring the topic to the Annual Meeting. (Ethics of Speech) Jerry - how to get it to people ahead of the meeting. Chava - the May Beacon is the place to do that. Asking for an affirmation at the Annual meeting.

Multiple Services (Becky)

Discussion about trying multiple services for a given amount of time to see how it would work. When to do this is a complicated issue. Price Watts, Joe Cook, Barb Bloomer are on the Task Force. First/early service would be pared back. Chava suggests doing that service on her own for this trial period. Sunday Services Com. would need to approve so they could get setting done for both services, etc. Sarah joined the meeting at this point and suggested "Spirit Play" during first service and curriculum based during second service. Jerry suggested setting goal to try in Aug. or Sept. Chava will communicate with Task Force and Nancy and in a couple of weeks Sunday Services and report back.

Public Comment: Ann Swaney

Need to put something in Beacon to encourage people to attend the Annual Meeting. Budget, endowment, bd of trustees and leadership com. on ballot.

Kay moved to go into closed session. Becky seconded. passed unanimously

Closed Session

Extinguish chalice and closing words - Jerry read a poem by Jane Hirschfield

Closing words for May meeting - Marco

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment 12:03

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Zerbel, sec'y