

## UUCGT Board Meeting May 19, 2015 **DRAFT minutes**

Present: Marco Cabrera, Kay Sturgeon, Richard Miller, Becky Somsel, Mike McDonald, Chava Bahle

Guests: Shari Cope, Tom Darnton (LDC representative)

The meeting was called to order and Mike read the board covenant.

### Approval of April Board Minutes

The April minutes were corrected (add an "n" on the end of Maura Brennan's last name on page 3). Richard moved that the April minutes be approved. Becky seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Public Comment

Shari Cope reports that the Community Needs Committee needs an additional member. She asked that this be posted in the Beacon and Flash. The board suggests that volunteer needs be sent to Gail Trill, Volunteer Coordinator, so it can be communicated and coordinated with other volunteer needs. Marco will follow up with Gail.

### Consent Agenda

Becky moves, Kay seconds a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion passes unanimously.

Nancy Flanagan, Music Director, will be invited to write a short written report for the consent agenda, as she sees fit.

### Officer and Committee Reports

Growing Pains Task Force – Richard reports that the Township Supervisor has approved the addition of 16 parking spaces in the parking lot. It is possible we may need a soil erosion permit from the County.

### Policy – Kay

Kay moves the Board approve the 2015-2016 preliminary budget as recommended by the Finance Committee for review and vote by the congregation. Mike seconds. Richard clarifies surplus fund distribution – money can be shifted within restricted funds. Expenditures will still come back to the board for approval. The motion passes unanimously.

Kay moves the Board approve funding for the legal services of Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge for intellectual property contract drafting not to exceed \$2,000. The Finance Committee recommends using the Reserve for Ministerial Search account (2374-000-00-224) for this purpose. Becky seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Kay moves that Board approve Finance Policies # 6 and #7 modifications and new Finance Policies # 11, #12, and #13. (Discussion note: #'s 7,11,12,13 come with Policy Committee review and recommendation. #6 is modification of the procedure only, not the policy itself.) Becky seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Kay moves move the Board approve the modifications to the Policy Committee description as recommended by the Policy Committee. Becky seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Kay moves the Board approve the Formalizing the Structure of a Committee Group to be added to the Policy Manual as recommended by the Policy Commitment. Becky seconds the motion. Discussion: Gail will work with the committees to develop this structure. It will always go to Policy Committee and then to the board. Amend the motion to remove the word “or group”. The motion passes unanimously.

Kay moves the Board approve the Art and Exhibition Committee description be added to the Policy Manual as recommended by the Policy Committee. Becky seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Kay moves the Board approve the modifications for background checks, confidentiality agreement and congregational involvement time requirement for leadership positions. Richard seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Kay moves the Board approve a new Policy regarding SCRT's review of elected leaders positions. Kay asks the Board's permission to add the background check etc and the SCRT review policy information all of the descriptions of committees/teams/Board in the Manual that are effected by these two policies with the date passed by the Board. Richard seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Kay moves that the description of the Arts and Exhibition Committee be approved as submitted. Becky seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

## Business

### *Legal Services Regarding Copyright Issues*

Kay moves that the board approve funding for legal services as described to secure the congregation's rights to teachings offered during Sunday services. Richard seconds the motion. Discussion: Kay suggests that we need a wider conversation with the congregation around how we want to be known and what our priorities are around getting services on the web/recorded/live streamed. Marco suggests that we must have an online presence. A lot of conversation is needed. The motion passes unanimously.

### *Copyright Issues*

Nancy: we very much want our message spread far and wide. This is a rapidly changing field. Nancy clarifies that she purchases the right to the music when this is possible. With broadcast, things get far more complicated in terms of copyright issues.

### *Budget*

Kay moves and Becky seconds approval of the 2015 – 2016 UUCGT budget as submitted by the Finance Committee. The motion passes unanimously. Great thanks to Kay and the Finance Committee for your work!

On May 31 from 9 – 10 AM we will host a question and answer for all members regarding the budget.

*Covenant of Conduct*

Chava asks that formal action be postponed, but that we remain in conversation about our existing congregational covenant and changes we might wish to make.

*LGBTQ Small Group Ministry*

Next month, Chava will ask a board member to make a motion to change the existing structure of this group.

*Committee on Ministry*

Becky moves and Richard seconds Kay's appointment to the committee on ministry at the end of her board term. The motion passes unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM.