

Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist
Minutes of the Board Meeting
October 17, 2012

Reverend Hilary Krivchenia and all Board of Trustees members were present.

Art Paton, Ken Sepos, Marty Farrington, Janet McDonnell were present at the meeting to update the Board of Trustees on Project Rose. Lisa Bohne represented CCRC. Mike Gilley was present to update the Board of Trustees on Coming Alive.

Karen Noorani, Damian Christianson, Raymond Yee were present as visitors.

President Greg Blus called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Consent Agenda Items

Gloria Kinney made a motion to approve the September 17, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting minutes and the October reports (Ministry Council Report, Minister's Report, Assistant Minister Lifespan Religious Education Report, Membership Coordinator 2012-2013 Action Plan, Kinship Ministry Report, and the Finance Committee Report). The motion carried unanimously.

Greg Blus suggested a change to the September minutes to reflect that the Board of Trustees had agreed to allocate funds from the Wayne Stein bequest to the Operating Budget reserve account rather than to the Operating Budget itself.

As part of his Finance Committee update, Treasurer Greg Sweigert informed the Board of Trustees that Martha Atherton had offered to pay for recovering all of the chairs in the sanctuary. The Board of Trustees expressed its thanks to Martha for her generosity. The Board agreed that, if possible, it would be desirable to have the chairs recovered prior to Colleen Vahey's ordination and installation service on Sunday November 18, 2012.

Unfinished Business

Rose Team Update

Art Paton reviewed the five items listed in the document the Rose Team had submitted to the Board of Trustees in advance of the meeting. He also gave a status update on the work the Rose Team had accomplished to date.

Wayne Stein Bequest

Greg Sweigert made a motion to transfer \$35,000 into the Endowment Fund and \$50,000 to the Operating Budget Reserve fund to account for the \$85,000 in the bequest. Six Board members voted in favor, one voted against the motion and three abstained and so the motion carried.

Fidelity Investments required the proper authorizations to transfer the funds from Wayne Stein's account to Countryside church. Gloria Kinney made a motion to authorize Greg Sweigert (treasurer) Richard Chay (board Secretary) and Greg Blus (Board President) to sign the fidelity authorizing documents on behalf of CCUU. Nine Board members voted in favor, one member abstained and so the motion carried.

Outreach/Funding ad hoc group

Bev Sneddon provided a very brief update. The next meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2012.

Safety Task Force

Bev Sneddon reviewed the Safety Task Force report to the Board of Trustees by explaining the specific requests for funding and the rationale for each item. Board members asked questions and made comments about a number of the requests. Deb Quentel made a motion to authorize the Safety Task Force spend up to \$ \$2,000 for the first aid, fire safety, and nominal building security items on the list to be paid for out of the Capital Reserve account. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board asked for additional review of the ADT alarm system items and the modification of the doors between the RE area and the balance of the building.

Town Hall Meeting

The Board agreed to have a Countryside Town Hall meeting with the Board of Trustees on November 4th. To accommodate both services, the Board of Trustees will be available after both the 9 am and 11 am services.

New Business

Conversations with staff

Laurie Lantz was ill and unavailable to attend the October meeting. The Board members agreed to reschedule the meeting.

Policy Discussion

Greg Blus indicated that there were some new policies to be considered but the Board of Trustees had not considered a process for this. Greg Blus, Richard Chay and Deb Quentel agreed to meet to discuss this and prepare something for the Board of Trustees to consider. Reverend Hilary asked to be a part of these discussions.

Coming Alive

Mike Gilley updated the Board of Trustees on the plan for the second year of the Coming Alive program at Countryside. Coming Alive consists of eleven sessions beginning October 28, 2012 and ending in March, 2013. Mike encouraged Board members to register for the program.

Fishboning Exercise

At the Board of Trustees retreat in September, the Board agreed to employ a technique called Fishboning. Fishboning is a problem solving tool that attempts to carefully identify and define the cause of a problem before considering a solution. Beth Ligouri and Bev Sneddon are both experienced in using the technique.

After further discussion, both Bev and Beth agreed that as facilitators of the process, they would be much less likely to participate in the exercises. As a result, they agreed that it would be useful to have someone from outside the Board act as facilitator. Greg Blus offered to contact Chris Pett, a consultant that the Board of Trustees used in 2011 at the fall Board retreat to determine if he might have the experience to facilitate.

Strengthsfinder Array

Greg Blus briefly discussed the Board of Trustees Strengthsfinder results which included the results for Kathy Dahlgren, Beth Ligouri, and Deb Quentel.

Share the plate UUMN

Jeff Hamrick requested that Countryside consider a share-the-plate to benefit the UUMN. While the share-the-plate schedule has already been determined for this year by the Social Action Committee based on recommendations from church members, Reverend Hilary agreed to look into the possibilities available to us.

Wrap up

The Board members reviewed all action items from the meeting.

Reading and Adjournment

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees is Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at church.

Minutes submitted by Richard Chay, Board of Trustees, Secretary, Countryside Church