

UNITY CHRIST CHURCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING
March 17, 2016

PRESENT:

Board members: Juankee McKinney, Trish Hughes, Lawrence Johnson, Michael Musielak, Kellie Mayhew, Harry Drake (not present), No guests

Minister: Rev. Sallie Fox

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:22pm by Juankee McKinney

Check-in: All Board members listened supportively to one another and took note of everyone's personal requests for prayer.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Presented by Rev. Sallie Fox. The Keys to the Kingdom class which began February 14th has three remaining classes left. On average 16 people have been in attendance for each class.

Prayer Chaplain Mary Biggs has been interviewing UCC congregants, and leadership for a project that explores and examines Unity Christ Church. The project discusses the direction of Unity Christ Church, Unity Principles, and classes, from the perspective of the UCC members, and volunteers.

A motion was made by Lawrence Johnson and seconded by Trish Hughes for a manse allowance increase up to \$25,000 for the year 2016. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 1. The motion passed.

An ad for Unity Christ Church has been purchased for Easter Service in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Newspaper at a cost of \$150. The ad was set to run through Holy Week.

A discussion was had about Unity World Wide Ministry's restructuring plan due to financial concerns. The UCC Board will be looking to review the Church's tithing structure.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Presented by Board President Juankee McKinney. Juankee McKinney and Rev. Sallie Fox created an itinerary of important dates for Unity Christ Church for 2016.

March/April- Review of Strategic Plan Meeting

April- Review of bylaws, policies, procedures, and ideas for committees

May 1st- Congregational Meeting- State of the Church

June- Progress report due on the UCC budget for 2017 from Finance committee.

July- 16th Board Training, 31st Unity Celebration

August- Formation of nominating committee for Minister's evaluation.

September- World Day of Prayer/ Minister's evaluation/ special planning
October- Fundraiser/Luncheon- A focus or cause needs to be established by
October 2nd.
November- Annual Meeting 11/20, Thanksgiving 11/23, Planning for Christmas
December- Christmas Plans for Congregation

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kellie Mayhew acknowledged recent correspondence from Unity Worldwide Ministries and read a letter from Silent Unity affirming Unity Christ Church in prayer for the Month of March.

A motion was made by Lawrence Johnson and seconded by Trish Hughes to approve the amended minutes for February 17th, 2016. VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Micheal Musielak and seconded by Lawrence Johnson to approve the closed session minutes for February 17th, 2016. VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

A request was made by Lawrence Johnson for a copy of board meeting notes before the next scheduled Board meeting, as a source of reference.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Lawrence Johnson. Lawrence Johnson made note of a needed correction on the Treasury report; YTD (Year to Date) February 31, 2016 should be amended to read as YTD-February 29, 2016. UCC's Liquid and Fixed assets total to the amount of \$1,465,736.00 YTD. Income YTD is \$13,616 and expenses total to \$35,911. UCC currently has a deficit of \$22,295. Attendance for Sunday service this year has totaled to 353 with an average of 39 attendees per service. Sunday offerings for 2016 have totaled to \$10,408. The Finance Committee will be investigating the possibility of establishing a line of credit for emergencies and expenses. The Finance Committee will present a report on their findings at the Board Meeting in May.

A motion was made by Trish Hughes and seconded by Michael Musielak to approve the amended Treasury report. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 1. The motion passed.

PRAYER CHAPLAINS' REPORT: Presented by Juankee McKinney. The Prayer Chaplains will begin the Wellness Calls program in April. The Prayer Chaplain Ceremony will be held Sunday, April 17th. Ideas for meditation workshops and other possible spiritual programs were presented as ways to increase UCC's involvement in the community, and to increase membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

BUILDING MAINTIENACE: Presented by Rev. Sallie Fox. The Grounds Team will be reviewing proposals from PFEIL Landscaping Inc. The Grounds team will also be assessing what issues are priorities. There are no new updates on the HVAC system. A proposal of costs to repair the Unity Christ Church sign on the lawn was presented. Plexiglas replacement \$535.00, replacement of locks \$180.00, and addition of other materials \$80.00.

A motion was made by Lawrence Johnson and seconded by Rev. Sallie Fox to authorize the total repair of the sign for the cost of \$800. VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Presented by Lawrence Johnson. A discussion was had about possible revisions to the UCC Website and the proposed additional cost of the reconfigurations. A unanimous decision was made by the board to reject the webmaster's current proposal and renegotiate pricing.

ADJORNMENT: A motion was made by Lawrence Johnson and seconded by Trish Hughes to adjourn open session. All members voted "yes". The time was 9:30pm.

CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Musielak