

UNITY CHRIST CHURCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING
August 18, 2016

PRESENT:

Board members: President Juankee McKinney, Treasurer Lawrence Johnson, Voting Member Rudolph Clay, Voting Member Carolyn Perry, Secretary Kellie Mayhew

Guests: No guests

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by McKinney

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Presented by McKinney. Notification of road work; construction will soon begin on a new right turn lane at the corner of Skinker and Forsyth by the City of St. Louis.

An update was given about the Board of Trustees' obligation on the Strategic Planning process for the process for the church as directed by Rev. Mosher.

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

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to approve the corrected minutes for July 21th, 2016. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Johnson. The report is based on the year to date of July 31, 2016. Current assets come to a total of \$1,426,510. Total income year to date is \$44,893. Expenses amount to \$111,538. Year to date Attendance has increased by 31 attendants since this time last year, however Sunday attendance averaging 40 attendants has dropped to an average of 35 attendants per Sunday since the retirement of Rev. Fox. Current number of UCC attendants this year is 1,168. Current offerings this year total to \$33,565 a \$4,591 increase since last year.

A motion was made by Clay and seconded by Perry to approve the August 2016 Treasury Report. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0, the motion passed.

PRAYER CHAPLAINS' REPORT: Presented by McKinney. The Prayer Chaplains will be meeting August 25th to plan events for the World Day of Prayer September 8. More information will be forthcoming.

OLD BUSINESS:

85th Anniversary Celebration Preparation: Presented by McKinney. The Church service will include a narrated video about the history of UCC. Lawrence Palmer, former Minister of UCC will be the Keynote speaker for the 85th Anniversary celebration. Palmer's appearance will cost \$400 plus \$1000 for travel and board expenses. Currently, 50 people have registered to attend the luncheon. Volunteers are needed as greeters, for registration duties. Pat Dillon will be the MC and Jaunkee McKinney will be the presenter for the guest speaker.

The Unity Celebration Committee was originally authorized a budget of \$1000 for operating costs. The Board Treasurer is seeking a formal budget reflecting actual expenses for the preparation of the UCC 85th Anniversary.

Office computer access

Members of the board have suggested that the board secretary should have access to the office computer utilize needed materials when the Office manager is not available.

YOU Account

A motion was made Johnson and seconded by Mayhew to change the designation of the YOU account to be named the Youth Education (Youth Ed) Account to fund all UCC youth activities and YOU activities. VOTE: Yes 5, NO 0, Abstained 0. The motion passed.

Tithing Restructuring

The Board voted on whether to remove Unity Urban Ministerial School from UCC's list of tithing recipients. One member voted in favor of removing the school, and 4 voted no. The Urban Ministerial School will remain as a tithing recipient.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Mayhew to adopt the presented proposed UCC tithing Schedule. VOTE: Yes 4, No 1, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

Board Nominating Committee

A member contact list was requested by Mayhew and Clay. The Nominating Committee must consist of two board members and three congregational members.

Groups at Unity

A motion was made by Mayhew and seconded by Johnson to allow a Capoeira group led by Mayhew to meet at UCC in the fellowship hall twice weekly. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

Ministerial Search Committee

The Unity World Wide Ministry application process is currently being completed by McKinney and Perry. An inquiry made by James Stacey as a possible candidate to be a UCC minister has been noted. Congregational members are needed to be on the Ministerial search committee.

A motion was made Johnson, and seconded by Clay to appoint McKinney, Johnson, and Perry to the Ministerial Search Committee. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Membership

A motion was made by Perry and seconded by Clay to induct Lucy Johnson as a new UUC member. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

Johnson receded from the meeting at 8:48pm.

Venue request for Workshop

A request was made by Dr. Michael Ryce to use UCC as a venue for a week long workshop. All board members unanimously decided to decline Dr. Ryce's request at this time. He is welcome to request in the next year in the spring.

Closing Prayer – CLay

Adornment 8:52pm