

UNITY CHRIST CHURCH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING  
July 21, 2016

**PRESENT:**

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

**Guests:** David Montgomery, Keith Taylor

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by McKinney

Guest presentation: The guests gave a presentation explaining what the martial art of Capoeira is and answered questions from members of the Board. The Guests, Kellie Mayhew and her son make up a small group that practice capoeira are were requesting the ability to practice at UCC. The Board will vote on the request in August.

**Revision of Prosperity prayer:** Board members reviewed the Prosperity prayer, and agreed to remove the sentence which states, "We are attracting all of the resources needed to meet or exceed our annual budget." The sentence was replaced with the statement, "We are attracting all of God's Abundance to meet all of our needs."

**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. McKinney thanked members of the Board for their time and volunteered work.

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

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to approve the corrected minutes for June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. VOTE: Yes 4, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by Johnson. The report is based on the year to date of June 30, 2016. Current assets come to a total of \$1,436,663. Total income year to date is \$39,552. Expenses amount to \$97,475. Attendance has increased by seven visitors since last year. Current number of UCC visitors this year is 991. Current offerings this year total to \$29,280 a \$4,538 increase since last year.

Johnson requested the transfer of funds from the Pulaski Money Market account, \$23,529.41, into the Commerce Bank Checking account. The Commerce Bank

account is for operational expenses for UCC, all of the Church's monthly expenses are paid from this account. The transfer will increase the Commerce account up to \$30,198.81 and will keep the church operating into September.

A motion was made by Mckinney and seconded by Clay to approve the June 2016 Treasury Report and to approve the closure of the Pulaski money market account and transfer all of it's funds into the Commerce checking account.

VOTE: Yes 4, No 0, Abstain 0, the motion passed.

**PRAYER CHAPLAINS' REPORT:** Presented by McKinney. The Prayer Chaplains will be meeting July 24<sup>th</sup> to plan an activity for the World Day of Prayer in September. More information will be forthcoming.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Preparation:** Presented by McKinney. Lawrence Palmer, former Minister of UCC will be the Keynote speaker for the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Currently, 13 people have registered to attend the luncheon.

The Celebration and PR Teams will hold a meeting Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Logistics issue- Maps to luncheon destination need to be supplied to attendees.

### **Results from Congregation survey regarding the Vision and Mission Statements**

Congregational surveys were reviewed by the Board regarding thoughts on the new wording for the vision and mission statements. Out of 31 congregants polled, 50% responded to the survey.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to approve the adoption of the new language for the vision and mission statements for Unity Christ Church. VOTE: Yes 4, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

With the adoption of the new vision and mission statements, UCC can proceed with the ministerial search process through Unity World Wide Ministries.

### **August 7<sup>th</sup> Potluck and Ice Cream Social**

Ideas and plans for the potluck and ice cream social were discussed.

### **Christmas Programming**

Alan Ernst, Minister of Music is currently updating the musical guest list. Possible performances by the Kirkwood Gospel Choir and the Washington University Gospel Choir were discussed.

### **Organization of Children's Library**

A motion was made by Clay and seconded by Johnson to hire the daughter of Tara Robinson, the UCC Youth Minister to organize the collections in the Children's library, working a total of 15 hours for \$120.

VOTE: Yes 4, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Approval of new Board Members**

Caroline Perry is the newest appointed member of the UCC Board of Trustees. She holds the position of being a voting board member.

#### **Formation of Nominating Committee**

Mayhew and Clay volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee. McKinney recommended that revisions were needed in the descriptions of what qualities Board candidates should possess. In the UCC Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 12: Volunteer Team Policy, page 12-21 Titled, "Nominating Committee Description, the section in question is located under, "**Duties and Responsibilities**", under the bullet titled, "Effective principles to guide in selection of candidates." Mayhew and Clay will work on a proposal for revision. The proposal will be reviewed and voted on in August. The committee team must consist of two board members and 3 congregational members.

#### **Proposal of Tithe Restructuring**

After a brief discussion a motion was made by McKinney and Seconded by Mayhew to stop tithing to the Urban Ministry Fund located in Detroit Michigan and redirect those funds between St. Louis Unity South and Silent Unity. VOTE: Yes 2, No 2, Abstain 0. The motion did not pass. Further discussion on tithing restructuring will continue at the August Board meeting.

#### **Withdrawal from CD**

After a discussion on the matter, A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to withdraw \$60,000 from the West Community Credit Union CD at a cost of \$306 and transfer the funds to the Commerce checking account to cover monthly operational expenses of the church.

VOTE: Yes 4, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

#### **Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation**

The Board will be reviewing the Articles of Incorporation and the UCC Bylaws to find any conflicting language between the two documents. Any conflicting items will be presented at the annual congregational board meeting.

### **Request for funding for Youth Education Picnic**

A motion was made by McKinney and seconded by Johnson to give the Youth Education Ministry \$50 to cover expenses for the July 24<sup>th</sup> Youth Picnic. VOTE: Yes 4, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to support UCC Youth Education programs and YOU activities with the YOU Fund. VOTE: Yes 4, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

### **Reinstatement of Congregational Member**

A motion was made by Lawrence Johnson and seconded by Rudolph Clay to reinstate Pat Dillon as a member of Unity Christ Church effective July 21, 2016. VOTE: Yes 4, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

### **Upcoming Guest Speakers**

7/24 James Stacey

7/31 Georgie Rock

**Closing Prayer – McKinney**

**Adornment 11:00pm**