

UNITY CHRIST CHURCH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING  
June 16, 2016

**PRESENT:**

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

Guest(s): Leonard Smith

**Minister:** Vacant position

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:16pm by Juankee 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.

The farwell celebration for Rev. Sallie and the June Pot Luck were both successful. We will continue to encourage UCC members to sign up for volunteer committees.

Rev. Leslie Venable is the guest speaker for June 26<sup>th</sup>.

McKinney is still waiting to hear back from the Parliamentarian Instructor in order to set plans for Board training.

Planning has begun for the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Unity Christ Church.

Guest in attendance: Smith requests to allow Hazelwood Central Band to perform at the UCC celebration. A discussion was had about needed items in order for the band students to perform at UCC; signed permission forms from parents, authorization from Minister of Music Alan Ernst, and a suggested donation \$100 given to the Hazelwood Central School Band program.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to authorize the invitation of the Hazelwood Central High school Band to perform October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, at the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Unity Christ Church.

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

Further plans for the celebration include the location for the banquet reserved at the Highlands at Forest Park. Tickets for the event will be on sale for \$20 per guest. The Keynote speaker is former UCC Minister Lawrence Palmer.

A new budget for the Celebration Committee will be presented to the Board.

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

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to approve the minutes for the May 8<sup>th</sup> executive board meeting, 2016 as presented.

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

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to approve the corrected minutes for May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by Johnson. Year to date referred to is May 31, 2016. Year to date attendance is 895 guests/members reflecting an increase of 58 people in attendance for Sunday service since this time last year. Offerings year to date is \$25,964 which reflects an increase of \$4,241 since this time last year. Total Assets both liquid and fixed total to \$1,444,916.00 The \$50 analysis fee discovered by the Finance Committee from UCC's Commerce Bank account will no longer be charged as of July 2016.

A motion was made by Clay and seconded by Mayhew to approve the corrected treasury report. VOTE: Yes 4, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

**PRAYER CHAPLAINS' REPORT:** Presented by McKinney. The monthly prayer calls program is in full operation and is going well. The prayer chaplains are planning a program for World Day of Prayer.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Basement leak issue** – No new report or updates
2. **Board Retreat-** Agenda for Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> discussed
3. **Ministerial Search** -Procedure for the request of a new minister is currently being reviewed. More information will be coming.
4. **Teams-**Formation of teams has been successful. The continuation of encouraging people to sign up will still be in progress. Clay is the board liaison for the lending library. The finance committee will enfold the fundraising team.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Policy for UCC membership reviewed and revised.** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to delete provision number 2, in the second paragraph in the section titled, "Process of Membership" and under the section titled, "Active Membership", delete paragraph number 2 labeled, "Existing

Members”, and under the section titled, “Reinstatement of Active membership delete both paragraphs 1 and 2, and replace with the suggested new provision which states;

**“Reinstatement of Active Membership:**

If a member who has become inactive wishes to return to active status she/he shall submit a written request of reinstatement to the UCC Minister or the President of the Board of Trustee. Upon a majority affirmative vote of the Trustees, the individual shall be reinstated as an active member of Unity Christ Church.”

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

**2. Changes to where UCC Tithes are given.**

Current recipients of UCC tithes are

- A. Unity School of Christianity 19%
- B. Regional Conference General Fund 13%
- C. Unity Urban Ministerial School General Fund 12%
- D. Unity Association %56

A discussion was had about what the national Unity organizations provide in the manner of support for the smaller local Unity organizations.

The Finance Committee will research the functions of these institutions and deliberate on how UCC’s tithing structure might change to help inform a board decision.

**3. Annual Church Picnic-** Due to the UCC 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the annual picnic will be held as a potluck and ice cream social on August 7th. People can bring their favorite flavor ice cream. The PR Committee needs to create a protocol on how to advertise yearly events. Hospitality will provide the service for the ice cream social and potluck.

**4. Suggested Programs-**

- A Christmas concert will be managed by Minister of Music, Alan Ernst.
- Rev.Sandra Campbell will return in February for a Black History Program.

**5.Approval of New Board Members**

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Mayhew to appoint Carolyn Perry replace Trish Hughes on the Board of Trustees.

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

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Yes 4, All approved. Meeting Adjourned at 10:12pm.

