

UNITY CHRIST CHURCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING
September 15, 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. McKinney gave the board notification of a revision for Lucy Johnson's Date of UCC membership. Per request of Ms. Johnson, her official membership date is to be documented as effective Sunday, June 5th 2016.

Landscaping: The Gardening Committee is requesting permission to remove the rose garden along the west wall in the parking lot. They would like to uproot the bushes and gift them to anyone interested in having them. Ms. Perry made note that the rose garden was a dedicated memoriam from a former family that were members of UCC. McKinney suggested we investigate further before making a decision on keeping of removing the rose garden.

Program cover art: There will be new cover art displayed on the service programs for the 85th Anniversary ceremony, October 2nd.

Checks that are to be prepared for celebration:

The Highlands at Forest Park Should be paid September 29th.

An Honorarium for Rev. Palmer

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 August 31, 2016. Current assets come to a total of \$1,422,541. Total income year to date is \$51,302. Total expenses amount to \$121,774. Year to date Attendance has increased by 31 attendants since this time last year, however Sunday attendance is currently at an average of 36 attendees for this year. Current number of UCC attendants this year to date is 1,275. Current offerings this year total to \$37,133, a \$4,591 increase since last year. Projected expenses for 2016 will reflect as under budget due to not having a minister's salary to pay. UCC is currently saving an average of \$4000 per month.

A motion was made by Perry and seconded by Clay 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 Perry. Celebration update. Sunday Service will consist of a review of the History of UCC. The end of the service will display interviews from old and new members of UCC on the stage projector.

The Hazelwood Central High School band will perform at the end of the service. The Celebration at the Highlands at Forest Park will begin at 1pm. Prizes will be given away through out the service. Rev. Lawrence Palmer will be the keynote speaker and will be presented with a plaque presented by McKenny.

Geanie Trevor, Deborah Sharn, and Rocky Tucker will perform at the celebration banquet.

Invitations have been sent to current and former members, as well as members of other neighboring Unity Churches. Volunteers will be needed to help facilitate activities at the celebration banquet. Special thanks to Celebration Committee and to those who have donated to the funding of the Celebration expenses.

85th Anniversary Budget report reviewed

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to modify the item line of \$1000 for expenses and amend the amount to \$5500. VOTE: Yes 5, NO 0, Abstain 0. The motion was approved.

Ministerial Update

A Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Perry to appoint Cathy Mendell, Jackie Dohm, and Judy Townsend to serve on the Ministerial search committee. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. the motion was approved.

The application packet for Ministerial Search will be published through Unity World Wide.

Nominating Committee Update

Presented by Clay and Mayhew. An announcement will be made during church services seeking volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee to elect new board of Trustee members. Three non office holding UCC congregation members are needed to volunteer on the Nominating committee.

New Business

2017 Budget Review. A continuation of the currently structured budget is suggested with adjustments, such as canceling the UCC Description of the Daily Word. Estimated offerings for 2017 are approximately \$50,000. An additional \$5,000 will be budgeted for minister's benefits.

Holiday Activities

Candle Light Service will be December 18th at 6pm. The Burning Bowl Ceremony will be December 31st, New Years Eve at 6pm. The Christmas Concert will be cancelled this year. The Hanging of the Greens and the Mitten Tree will be set up on December 4th. Donations will be given to a selected Shelter.

Pot Luck

A Motion was made by Perry and seconded by Clay for the Church to provide two dishes for the fellowship potluck on the first Sunday of every month, one Vegetarian dish and one non-vegetarian dish. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion was approved.

Closing Prayer – McKinney

Adornment 9:30pm