

UNITY CHRIST CHURCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING
January 26, 2017

PRESENT:

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

Guests: No guests*

- Mary Biggs was to appear to give a presentation for her proposal to do a paid internship at UCC, but was not present.

Call to Order: 7:23pm by McKinney

Prayer/Meditation

Check-in: All Board members listened to each other's requests for prayer.

Election of Officers: President Lawrence Johnson, Vice President Vacant position, Treasurer Rudolph Clay, Secretary Kellie Mayhew

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Presented by McKinney. McKinney lead a discussion on the logistics for Grace Caputo and Ron Palumbo's visits and interviews. Palumbo will be arriving in St. Louis Saturday February 4th at 2:45pm. His Interview will be on Saturday at 5pm. He will be leaving Monday February 6th at 7:20am. Johnson will be picking Caputo up from the airport Saturday February 11th at 8:30am. Her interview will be at 2:30pm. She will be departing Sunday February 12th at 6:30pm. Caputo will be staying at the Cheshire. We need to inquire if the hotel has early check-in.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mayhew acknowledged recent correspondence from the Unity Development Staff at Unity Village, Unity St. Louis South, and Silent Unity affirming Unity Christ Church in prayer and thanks for contribution of tithes from UCC. Perry asked whether we receive any correspondence from Unity Urban Ministerial School, in Detroit Michigan, one of the Unity organizations UCC regularly tithes to. For the year of 2016, UCC has not received correspondence from Unity Urban Ministerial School.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to approve the corrected minutes for October 20th,2016. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Perry to approve the corrected minutes for December 15th, 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 December 31, 2016. Current assets come to a total of \$1,394,984. Total income year to date is \$76,498. Total expenses amount to \$175,070. Year to date Attendance comes to 1,792 attendants. Sunday attendance is currently at an average of 38 attendees per service. Current offerings this year total to \$50,471. The presented projected budget for 2017 reflects the budgeted amount of \$3000 for the ministerial search committee expenses.

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

PRAYER CHAPLAINS' REPORT: Presented by McKinney. The induction ceremony for the prayer chaplains will be on Sunday January 29th and will be directed by Licensed Unity Teacher Vernetta Holmes. A private dedication ceremony will be performed on Saturday January 28th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ministerial Search Update

Reported by McKinney. The congregation will be informed that there are evaluation forms to be filled out during the presentation of the ministerial candidates. Per request, audio CD's will be available of the services.

After some discussion the board decided that it would like to receive candidate recommendations from the search committee in ranking order from most favored to least with added information as to why each candidate was ranked the way they were, listing their strong and weak points.

Musical Guests

The Director of Music, Alan Ernst submitted a listing of Musicians scheduled to perform from January through the month of March. The Board would like to request certain musicians that have not performed in the past recent months.

A follow up on the organ: The organ is in working order and just needs an organist to play it.

New Business

Prosperity Banks

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to reinstitute the Prosperity Bank offering program. Vote: Yes 5A, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed. The Program will begin at the end of February.

Formation of a Contract Committee

Presented by McKinney. A new contract committee needs to be formed to prepare for the hire of the new UCC minister. Johnson and Clay have volunteered to be on the committee and will recruit three additional congregants to serve on the committee.

Mary Bigg's Internship Proposal

Mary Biggs can conduct classes and be a Guest Speaker and be paid through performing those services.

Closing Prayer – McKinney

Adjournment by President Mckinney 10:10pm