

UNITY CHRIST CHURCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING
December 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 7:35pm by McKinney
Prayer/Meditation

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 a statement of gratitude for the board's work and commitment. Rev. Lee Remington will be conducting the Candle Lighting Ceremony for the Burning Bowl Ceremony. For the month of January, all Sunday's have guest speakers except for the 24th at this time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mayhew acknowledged recent correspondence from Silent Unity, Unity St. Louis South and The Great Lakes Region of Unity Worldwide Ministries affirming Unity Christ Church in prayer and thanks for contribution of tithes from UCC.

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Johnson. The report is based on the year to date of November 30, 2016. Current assets come to a total of \$1,398,667. Total income year to date is \$67,359. Total expenses amount to \$162,090. Year to date Attendance comes to 1,696 attendants. It should be noted that four Sundays were not reported in 2016. Sunday attendance is currently at an average of 38 attendees per service. Current offerings this year total to \$47,620.

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

PRAYER CHAPLAINS' REPORT: Presented by McKinney. There will be training for chaplains January 14th at Unity Church of Light and an induction ceremony January 15th for new chaplains. The current chaplains of Unity Christ Church are Pat Dillon, Mary Halloman, Mary Biggs, and Juankee McKinney.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ministerial Search Update

Reported by McKinney. Three candidates will be starting the interviewing process at UCC. Each minister will be a guest speaker for a Sunday service then will join the congregation for a luncheon and discussion session. James Stacey will be interviewing January 14th. Grace Caputo will be interviewing January 21st, and Ron Palumbo will soon be scheduled to interview at a later date.

Johnson made note of the need to ensure that all expenses will be covered for the Ministerial search process and requested the amount of \$3000 be reserved from the budget to cover expenses.

A Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to reserve a budget of \$3000 to cover costs of the Ministerial Search interview and hosting process for candidates. VOTE: Yes 5, NO 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

85th Anniversary Budget Review: Final Total

Total expenses for the 85th Anniversary Celebration came to \$2,979.79. A total of 95 tickets were sold and Donations totaling \$1200 gave a total income of \$3,014.

New Note Cards

Newly designed note cards and post cards have been ordered from InkSpot on Hampton Ave. Total cost was \$125 compared to \$180 from Max Printing. The Note and Post cards will be used to correspond to UCC members and to keep in touch with visitors as a thank you for their presence.

New Business

Dedicated building Fund

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Perry to establish a dedicated building fund for repair and renovation of maintenance and fixtures. Vote: Yes 0, No 5, Abstain 0. The motion did not pass.

Christmas gifts for Support Staff.

Gift cards will be given to UCC support staff in appreciation for their dedicated work; Tara Robinson Youth Educator, Brooks Building Maintenance, Alan Ernst, Minister of Music and Office Manager Judy Lindow.

Music Programming

The Board would like to be more informed and have more oversight into the choice of musicians that are being scheduled to perform for Sunday services.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to require a roster of scheduled musicians to perform at Unity Christ Church to be submitted and approved by the Board six months in advance. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

The board would also like to take inventory on the current condition of the organ and whether it is in need of maintenance services.

Unfilled Guest Speaker Positions

It was suggested by Clay to offer Rev. Leslie Venable Sundays that have not yet been scheduled with guest speakers. The board will continue the discussion on the option.

Extension of soon to expire Board Positions

Perry, and Clay were appointed to the Board of Trustees as voting members to replace previous members who stepped down. At the November 20th Annual Congregational Board meeting, there were no congregants interested in being candidates to run for board positions, that met the 1 year membership requirement. In an effort to maintain the minimum number of members needed to run the functions of the Board of Trustees both Perry and Clay's terms need to be extended into 2017. President McKinney's term is also set to expire along with Perry and Clay's terms January 1st, 2017.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Mayhew to extend the voting position of Carolyn Perry through the year of 2017. Vote: Yes 4, No 0, Abstain 1. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Mayhew to extend the voting position of Rudolph Clay through the year of 2017. Vote: Yes 4, No 0, Abstain 1. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Mayhew to extend the voting position of Juankee McKinney through the year of 2017. Vote: Yes 4, No 0, Abstain 1. The motion passed.

Closing Prayer – Clay

Adjournment by President Mckinney 9:45pm