

UNITY CHRIST CHURCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING
October 20, 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 7:14pm 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 thanks to all those who volunteered and assisted in the planning and preparation of the 85TH Anniversary Celebration.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mayhew acknowledged recent correspondence from Silent Unity and The Great Lakes Region of Unity Worldwide Ministries affirming Unity Christ Church in prayer for the Month of October and thanks for contribution of tithes from UCC. Mayhew also made notice of correspondence from Board Chair Rev. Marilyn Muehlbach of Unity World Headquarters at Unity Village announcing Jim Blake as the new Chief Executive Officer.

A motion was made by Perry and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes for September 15th, 2016. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

A discussion was had about the Rose Garden. At this time notification has not been made to the family who dedicated the rose garden. Johnson made note that board has final say as to what happens to the UCC landscape. Clay suggested we let the Family know that we plan on changing the garden, and suggests that it be a rededication.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Johnson. The report is based on the year to date of September 30, 2016. Current assets come to a total of \$1,413,918. Total income year to date is \$58,058. Total expenses amount to \$137,611. Year to date Attendance comes to 1,415 attendants. It should be noted that three Sundays were not reported. Sunday attendance is currently at

an average of 39 attendees per service. Current offerings this year total to \$40,527, with a weekly average of \$1,039. 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 Clay and seconded by Perry to approve the September 2016 Treasury Report. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

PRAYER CHAPLAINS' REPORT: Presented by McKinney. The annual Prayer Chaplains' training was completed October 14th. Pat Dillon is UCC's newest Prayer Chaplain. Unity Teacher Vernetta Holms will be acting as the Prayer Chaplain Coordinator until the hire of a new minister. Holms will be the guest speaker for Sunday 10/30/16.

OLD BUSINESS:

2017 Annual Budget: The proposed Annual Budget was reviewed. Amendments to the proposed budget are as follows; the budget for Gardening expenses was changed from \$2200 to \$4200, Youth Education is budgeted for \$1000, Fundraising is budgeted for \$10,000. The budget for Prayer Chaplain expenses changed from \$100 to \$300. The budget for Major Building Repair and Maintenance will be raised from \$3750 will to \$10,000.

A Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to accept the amended proposed annual UCC budget for 2017. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

85th Anniversary Expenditures

Reported by Johnson. The budget amount for the 85th Anniversary Celebration was \$5500. With the help of volunteers and donations totaling \$1,398, the anniversary celebration expenses came in under budget by \$737.92. Income from ticket sales came to \$2,998

Ministerial Search Update

Reported by McKinney. Currently there have been two applicants for the ministerial position from the Unity World Wide Ministry. The board is open to accepting qualified applicants from the Independent Alliance of Ministries in Unity.

Nominating Committee Update

Presented by Clay. Judy Townsend is interested in running for the board of trustees. Margaret McClelland has joined the nominating committee. The Annual Congregational Board meeting will be held Sunday, November 20, 2016.

Candle Lighting Service

Reported by McKinney. The Candle Lighting Service will be held December 18th. The guest speaker for the 18th will be determined at a later date.

The Phone System

Reported by McKinney. The issue of the phone system calling 911 has been corrected. In the future we may explore options for a new phone service.

New Business

Finance Committee 2017 Fundraising Proposal. Presentation of fundraising ideas such as parking lot rentals during special events/ construction at Washington University, church yard sale, Donation shopping cards, Trivia Night, Online tithing, and speaker series presentations.

New Post and Note Cards

To keep in touch with guest at Unity, new post and note cards will be created to send visitors thanking them for their visit.

A motion was made by Johnson and Seconded by Clay to invest \$200 to create new UCC post and note cards. Vote: Yes 5, NO 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

Christmas Service

The UCC Christmas Service will be held on Christmas Day. The board will consult the congregation to see if they would prefer to hold an early service starting at 9 or 9:30am on Sunday December 25th, Christmas Day.

Annual Meeting

The Annual congregational Board Meeting will be held November 20th.

A discussion took place about Article 2, section 3 in the UCC By-Laws concerning the ability of members of the congregation to call for special meetings.

Article 2, Section 3: Special meetings of the membership may be called by the Board of Trustees at any time that the affairs of the Church warrant them. **Fifty-one percent** of the membership may petition the Board of Trustees in writing for a special membership meeting, specifically the date, time, place and purpose for which the meeting is called shall be mailed to all members ten days prior to the date of such a meeting. Such call must be issued by the Board of Trustees no later than 30 days after the filing and verification of the petitioners requesting the

special membership meeting. Those members present and voting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any Annual or Special membership meeting.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Perry to amend the required percentage of the membership needed to petition the Board of Trustees to call a special meeting, from fifty-one percent of the membership to five percent of the membership. Vote: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

There was a discussion regarding Unity World Wide Ministries request for a change in UCC By-Laws, regarding destination of UCC assets in the event that UCC dissolves. Currently UCC assets are to go Unity Village, Unity School of Christianity.

Closing Prayer – McKinney

Adornment 11:30pm