

UNITY CHRIST CHURCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 23, 2017

PRESENT:

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

Guests: Sandy May, Judy Townsend, Carole Haake, John and Mary Halloman, Deborah Sharn

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Johnson who led the Board in the Prayer of Faith and an affirmation.

Check-in: Each Board member shared his/her personal requests for prayer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Board Minutes for the month of January were reviewed by the board.

A motion was made by McKinney and seconded by Perry to approve the minutes for January 26th,2017. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Johnson gave an update on recent contact and newsletter received from the Unity Urban Ministerial School of Detroit Michigan, one of UCC's tithing recipients.
- Beginning in March, UCC will be regularly advertising in the *Spirit Seeker Newspaper*. The 12 month contract does not include the ability to make ad changes, but allows us to write articles.
- Johnson is the new Board Liaison to the Gardening Committee.
- Licensed Unity Teacher and Prayer Chaplain Mary Biggs will be doing a Spanish speaking community outreach, Keep a True Lent Class, and a Yard Sale as an internship at UCC for her Master's Program at Eden Seminary.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Clay. The report is based on the year to date of November 31, 2017.

- 1.Current assets come to a total of **\$1,390,001**
- 2.Total income year to date is **\$5,785**; total expenses amount to **\$10,380**.
- 3.Year to date attendance comes to attendants **116**. Sunday attendance is currently averaging 28 attendees per service.
- 4.Current offerings this year total to **\$4,703** .

A motion was made by McKinney and seconded by Perry to approve the January 2017 Treasury Report. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

Musician Scheduling/Programming: Deborah Sharn expressed a desire for her and other musicians to be scheduled to perform more at UCC. She also volunteered her services to assist in scheduling if needed.

While the Board will not dictate to the Music Director which musicians to use, we will inquire about his process for scheduling performances

Contract Committee: The members of the Contract Committee; Lawrence Johnson, Rudolph Clay, Leonard Smith, and Michael Montez will be reviewing different aspects of previous Ministerial contracts to generate an updated contract.

Landscaping: The rose garden will be replaced with more sustainable plants. The pylons that secured the Madonna Statue on the lawn will be removed. Sandy May and Judy Townsend have volunteered to power wash the retaining wall.

Ministerial Candidate Update: As of January 22nd, there are two Ministerial candidates remaining, Ron Palumbo, and Grace Caputo. James Stacey withdrew his application. The Search Committee submitted a recommendation to the Board, which identified Palumbo as its first choice and Caputo its second.

Open Floor

Carole Haake and Judy Townsend expressed a desire to still consider James Stacey for the Ministerial position and would like the board to ask Stacey to reconsider. The Board listened to comments from the floor and will continue with the two remaining Ministerial Candidates.

New Business

Repair of the Retaining Wall: Taylor Made Landscapes LLC., presented an offer to repair the wall for \$2165.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clay to accept the contract agreement with Taylor Made Landscapes LLC to repair the retaining wall for \$2165. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

Prosperity Banks: Presented by Carolyn Perry. Starting in March prosperity banks will be issued out to the congregation and collected the first Sunday of

every month. The focal concept will be announced in the church bulletin. Office manager Judy Lindow will recreate the Prosperity Bank bags/packages.

Youth Education: Presented by Kellie Mayhew. Tara Robinson, the Youth Ed instructor would like board approval to purchase 5 tickets for the Youth Ed Students and guardians to see the Lion King at the Fox Theatre. The play is Sunday, May 7th at 6:30pm.

A motion was made by Mayhew and seconded by Perry for the Purchase of 5 Lion King Tickets at the Fox Theatre for the Youth Ed program. VOTE: Yes 4, No 1, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

A Special thanks to Carol Haake, John and Mary Holloman and Kellie Mayhew for donations totaling \$230 towards funding the event.

Lower Level Accessibility: Carolyn Perry would like the Board to research options available for making the lower level of the church accessible for people with limited mobility, for example a chair lift or elevator.

A motion was made by Perry and seconded by Clay to investigate pricing and accessibility options for the lower level. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed.

Youth Education: A request was made by Juankee McKinney for a system to be put in place to provide adequate notice to parents when the teacher will be unavailable. Alternately, persons could be identified to provide coverage for the Sunday school when Tara is unable to attend. Volunteers would need to be recruited and properly trained and screened.

2017 Board Meeting Schedule: Board meeting dates will remain the same; every third Thursday of the Month at 7pm.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by McKinney for Announcements and reports to be addressed to the Congregation every first Sunday of May 7 and August 6, 2017. VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. The motion passed

Closing Prayer – Rudolph Clay

Adjournment by President Johnson 9:15pm

The Board then went into Closed Session to consider the minister hiring recommendation of the Search Committee. The Closed Session ended at 11:00pm.