

Unity Christ Church
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 15, 2018

MINUTES

Roll Call/Members Present: Juankee McKinney, President; Lawrence Johnson, Vice President; Carolyn Perry, Secretary; Rudolph Clay, Treasurer; Ron Palumbo, Minister; Leonard Smith, Michael Montez.

OPEN SESSION:

Juankee McKinney, President called the meeting to Order.

Guest Present: Michael Morrice

Rev. Ron opened with prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

Rudolph stated under New Business – Planning for children be added. Juankee suggested it be placed under Youth Education. **Rev. Ron moved that agenda be approved with addition. Carolyn 2nd. Motion approved with addition.**

Board Check-Up

Board Members shared their prayers/prayer requests with the Board.

Minister's Report

- Rev. Ron thanked person who made copies of Lessons in Truth.
- Rev. Ron mentioned a 1.35% interest rate, but it's not for businesses or Non-Profits. He mentioned just in case anybody wants to have it personally. It's with American Express. As of March 15th, the rate was 1.45%.
- Lessons In Truth series will start March 18th. 5 people signed up. Rev. Ron will provide soup and crackers. Series will continue the 3rd Sunday of each month.
- April Friendship Sunday will take place 2nd Sunday in April – April 8th. Promoted as Best Tee Shirt Day. Bring or wear favorite Tee shirt.
- In Feb board meeting, he reported that he provided prayer support/counseled 9 congregants, including a home visitation.
- Rev. Ron stated that after meeting with Juankee, he needed clarification from the board on what the board needed for him to report... Prayer Support? Counseling sessions? Etc.. Juankee stated all counseling sessions should be recorded as time slots in appointment book. Rev. Ron stated that 90% of counseling sessions are not scheduled....congregants just call him. Juankee said he should have a log of scheduled on-site appointments.
- Since last board meeting, Rev Ron has done 11 counseling sessions, and 10 prayer support sessions, but none were formal sessions. Most are Unity Christ Church's congregants.
- 2nd Annual Friendship Festival – June 3, 2018. Rev. Ron is asking board to provide gifts for the event by asking local business to donate. Each benefactor (business) will be listed and we will ask congregants to support. Also, this year we will add separate gifts for kids.
- Rev. Ron also stated that, feedback from our Town Hall meeting, was that we have a mid-week meditation at Noon. Rev. Ron has placed an ad in the Spirit Seeker with this information. The Mid-week meditation will start, Wednesday, March 21st.

President's Report

- Juankee said she wants to spend a little more time around the church, so she will change her work schedule to be in the city more days per week.
- Juankee spoke with Richard Snyder, Esq. to come to our Board meeting next month. More info to come under old business.
- Healing session involving all Unity Churches in St, Louis in Prayer chaplains. A program will be developed that includes a variety of healing methods. Juankee will also involve Mike Morrice. He stated he was a certified Atunement counselor.

- Juankee tried to contact Tara Robinson, unsuccessfully. Recruitment for Youth Education will be talked about under New Business.

Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes

- **CORRESPONDENCE:** The following sent a letter of thanks for contributions:
Great Lakes Region - for tithes for 2017.
Unity Worldwide Ministry - for Jan tithes.
Unity Headquarters - for Jan tithes and Feb tithes.
Unity Urban Ministerial - for contributions.
Unity of St. Louis South - for contribution in January
- Guide One Insurance sent solicitation correspondence about policy quote. It will be turned over to finance committee. It was given to Rudolph.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Rev. Ron said on page 2 it says weekly healing service, but he is pretty sure he said monthly, not weekly. Lawrence suggested that motions be bolded since they are decisions by the board. **Michael Montez moved that minutes be accepted with corrections, Rev. Ron 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report

- Financials
 - Total income for February 2018 - \$3,884.20
 - Total expenses - \$11,205.11
 - Net income – (\$7,320.91)
 - Total Current Assets at end of February 2018 - \$402,016.47 (*includes Commerce checking account, CD Bussey Pulaski Bank, CD West Community Credit, Bookstore Inventory, Office petty cash, Bookstore petty cash, special event cash box*)
 - Total Assets (including Building, Equipment, Land, Furniture, Organ) - \$1,279,385.14
- Attendance for Feb. – 125 people
- Contribution for Feb – \$2,774.09
- **Carolyn moved that the treasurer's report be approved for the month of February, Rev. Ron 2nd. Motion passed.**

Rudolph would like to schedule a meeting with the board and finance committee in a combined meeting. Rudolph will poll the board and the finance committee, ASAP, to set a meeting date that works with everyone.

Committee/Team Reports

Sexual Harassment Taskforce – they have had 2 meetings and have revamped the policy and procedure and final draft is being worked on for approval. They will present the entire policy to the board to review and ratify at the next board meeting in April.

Old Business:

Update Legal Assistance

- Juankee stated that Richard Snyder will be present at our next board meeting to talk about things he think should be changed in the Articles of Agreement.
- Juankee mentioned the board should discuss the consistency between the Bylaws and the Articles, in terms of the percentage of people we need to have to ratify any changes. Bylaws say 2/3 majority. What we voted on in the membership meeting was 50%. So we should discuss and decide should it be 2/3 majority or 50%. Carolyn said it should be consistent and it should be harder to change the Articles and they both should be 2/3. Lawrence stated that the court ruled the language in the Bylaws to be invalid, because the language in the Articles stated that the board can make changes in the bylaws without the membership ratification. He also stated that what is and should be controlling is what was voted on by the membership at the 2017 Annual meeting and that is what Richard Snyder needs to proceed from.

- To correct the issue, the board needs to vote on it again, pass the correct wording and present it back to the congregation.
- The issue will be placed on the agenda for the April meeting, while Richard Snyder is present, to pass the correct wording.
- Special Meeting may be called in May or June

Marketing Strategies:

- Michael suggested that we postpone suggestions again until we meet with Finance committee. Agreed by all.

Healing Program/Prayer Partners

- Juankee said there is a committee established (Jan Mourning, Cindy – Unity St. Louis South, Juankee, Mary Biggs, LUT, Vernetta Holmes, Sharon). Michael Morrice will be a participant.

New Business:

Youth Education:

- Juankee spoke with Tara Robinson and said that we would figure out a way to assist her, if she would not be here every Sunday. However, Juankee tried reaching out to her again, with no response. Juankee said that we need to find another Youth Education Teacher. Rev. Ron mentioned there was someone present at Orientation and he gave that name to Tara to follow up with her, but Rev. Ron does not remember her name. Juankee also asked that it be announced church, that there is an opening. Also reach out to other Unity churches. New teacher should be able to teach the Unity principles.
- Lawrence asked Rev. Ron when will the Member Information sheet be available that list different areas of interests and skills. This form might uncover someone in Unity that might be interested.
- Rev. Ron stated he would put one in the Board mailboxes after the meeting.

Easter Baskets:

- Rudolph stated, in the past, we make Easter Baskets for the kids, and the ones left over are taken to an organization. Can we do that again? Mike Morrice stated he could take them...(I couldn't hear where). It's about 4 kid baskets given out at church, but we make about 10.

Fred Becroft:

- Rudolph stated that Fred is moving out of state, as well as Nancy is moving out of state. He suggested that we recognize them at a June potluck. Suggestions of Flowers for Nancy, and something in the field of Golf for Fred, or something tangible from Unity Village. Rudolph suggested 2 copies of *"God Has Seen You Through."* Decision will be made later.

Member Questions/Comments – Mike Morrice spoke his concern for the lack of church finances, the budget and what the church is spending. He says he is just concerned about the longevity of his church.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm