

**HUUC Board of Trustees
Wednesday, July 13th 2016
Board Meeting Minutes**

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Present: Rebecca St. Clair, President; Jeff Ochsner, Vice-president; Tim Hamlin, Secretary; Bruce Froelich, Peggy Humphreys, John Wilkinson, Poppy Hernandez

Guest: Arielle Perreault

1. Chalice lighting / Introductions

1. Acceptance of May and June 2016 Minutes:

Motion by Bruce with second by Poppy to approve May minutes; Approved.

Motion by Bruce with second by Jeff to approve June minutes; Approved.

Some name spellings and usage were discussed. Tim will add all relevant names to his spelling dictionary to ensure proper names in the future.

1. Guest Presentation

Arielle Perreault presented a, so far, informal request for a local LGBTQ group to use a room in the church building on a regular basis. The meetings would be like a support group according to Arielle with one group being on Mondays evenings and another, a transgender group, on Tuesday evenings. The request may be for a room for up to 25 people and enough space to house an office. The request is for a permanent space that would be dedicated to this group's use. The group can pay rent. This information is, so far, quite tentative and Arielle is doing the best she can to provide a general picture of her understanding.

The response from the board was that the group needs to make a formal, written request. There is a form for requesting building use that will be provided.

1. Treasure's / Bookkeeper's Reports

a) Treasurer's Report, Bruce Froelich (written and verbal):

Even though total amount pledged is, slightly up compared to last year the number of pledge 'units' is down from 47 to 42 from last year. The cause of this was discussed and it appears that, at least some of the cause is the changing, more challenging economic picture for many members.

There is, as usual, a discrepancy between the bookkeeper's and the treasurer's account balances for the prior 2015/2016 fiscal year. This discrepancy is expected to be resolved without difficulty.

b) Bookkeeper's Report, Deborah Margules (written):
A current Balance Sheet report and Profit and Loss Budget Performance spreadsheet submitted by Deborah.

Motion to accept Treasurer's and Bookkeeper's reports by Peggy Humphreys, second by Poppy Hernandez. Motion passed.

1. President's Report by Rebecca St. Clair

- Rebecca reminds the board of the upcoming sermon and congregation wide meeting with Fred Wooden and she encourages those able to bring food.

1. Committee Reports:

- a) Religious Education (no written report, verbal report by Tim Hamlin)

Back up continues to be needed for child care on the relatively infrequent occasions when Daphne is not able to be present. Children's RE is well set with Margot Haynes doing the teaching on many Sunday when there are enough school age children present. There was a single idea for Adult RE; that being a food ethics class but attempts to elicit interest have been less than successful. Notices have been in the newsletter and some contacts were made with neighborhood associations (those few that have email contact information). Poppy Hernandez suggested that going to a monthly neighborhood association meeting at city hall might help. Tim will give that a try.

City of the Dead is beginning to pick up speed regarding the many things that need to get done to make it happen. As always, more volunteers are needed for set up and for characters to be guides.

- a) Music and Worship (by Rebecca St. Claire)

No current problems. Things are running well.

- a) Caring Committee (no report)

- a) Social Action (off for the Summer)

- a) Space and Grace (Jeff Ochsner gave verbal report):

Saturday workdays will begin again and more volunteers are needed to complete the entryway and to move on to other major projects such as the social hall. Parking lot lines also, desired. Jeff will bring these issues up at next meeting.

1. Old Business: None

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3. New Business:

- a) The Bosse, Strandberg wedding is coming up for Saturday, July 23rd. Clean up of foyer will be done by John Wilkinson. Jeff Ochsner will text Jim Stier to let the Szosts know to do an extra good cleaning. Entry to the building was discussed. Charlotte Bosse will be given the combination to the key.
- a) Email blasts to the congregation had been done by David McIntire. A new volunteer is needed to do this. Tim Hamlin volunteered.
- a) It is not know who has been buying toner and many other essential items such as toilet paper, hand towels for the bathrooms etc. Rebecca would like to put out a request for a volunteer from the congregation to be a 'buyer'. This person would buy items when supplies get low. They could, also, keep track of costs and the specifics of such purchases.
- b)
- c) A motion was made to approve a new line item in the budget for petty funds and that an initial \$200 be allocated for this purpose.

A motion was made by Poppy Hernandez to approve the \$200 start up fund. Second by Peggy Humphreys; Motion approved.

- a)
- b) There was discussion re the intent being that the expenditures would be reimbursed from committee budgets as appropriate.

Motion made by Bruce Froelich, second by Jeff Ochsner that a protocol be set up such that the petty fund would be reimbursed by appropriate existing accounts. Motion approved.

- a) A request that we consider do something about the Black Lives Matter movement. There is, possibly, going to be a march at Hackley Park on 7-23-16. There was consensus that being supportive and engaged would be good there remains uncertainty regarding what is happening and how to best get involved.
- b)
- c) Tim offered to check with Gwen Williams regarding strategies to get involved.

1. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Tim Hamlin, second by Poppy Hernandez; approved at 8:39 p. m.

1. Dates: Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 10th, 2016 at 7:00 p. m.

June Newsletter deadline: **by 5PM Wednesday, August 24th.**

Respectfully submitted:

Tim Hamlin
Board Secretary