

FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF WAUSAU

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 20, 2016

**In Attendance:** Jefferson, (presiding), Briquet Miller, Cedar, Heiser, Beier, Kurth, Maier, Peterson, Bushbaum (ex-officio)

**Absent:** Hupy, Spialek (staff)

**Visitors:** Josh Wright

**Chalice Lighting, Reading and Reflection:** Jefferson mused on the passage of the past year and the wonderful challenges awaiting us in the new year. He welcomed Josh Wright who will be joining the Board in January 2017.

**Agenda Consent and Repair:** none noted

**Approval of November 2016 minutes:** Hupy was present at the November meeting. All approved the minutes with Beier and Kurth abstaining.

**Treasurer's Report:** Year to date financials are close to budget. Hoping that December sees the fulfillment of year to date pledges. Jefferson talked about the new format for presentation of financials in the coming year when he takes over as co-treasurer. He asked for any input as the year progresses as this is a work in progress. Jefferson reminded that we paid down the mortgage which shows as an expense for the month and skewers the monthly report. This will be "cleaned" up at the end of the year.

**Minister's Report:** Bushbaum reviewed her written and submitted report. Discussion centered on the received request that she be allowed to preside over a wedding scheduled for August 2, 2017. As she will no longer be under contract and presumably the new settled minister will literally just arriving, it is a question of what is appropriate. The couple would like Laurie to come back and handle the service. She felt it was imperative that this situation be address with Board approval. She noted that the new minister be apprised of the situation and have the final say. If there are no objections, the Board assured her they were fine with her doing the service. However, it was noted that assuming that this couple are members of the church in which case the facility is free, it is up to them to arrange with Laurie for her compensation.

The wonderful gift from Gale Fisher was discussed and decisions on the best use of this gift will be ongoing. Suggestions: Pay down more of the mortgage, building needs, non-budgeted Search expenses

### **The Staff/Committee Reports:**

Congregational Administrator: As Spialek was not present discussion of the Bulk Mail permit and Articles of Incorporation were tabled.

LifeSpan Faith Development: No report

Property : Peterson update on the kitchen and bridal room renovations. He announced that church members will be asked to help clean up the dining room preceding the removal of the carpet, also by church members. This will save money in the renovation budget.

Stewardship: No report

Search: At 7:33 a motion was made and seconded that the Board retire into closed executive session to determine what if any action needs to be taken to add personnel to the Search committee to ensure a successful fulfillment of their commitment. Roll call of Cedar, Maier, Peterson, Briquelet-Miller, Heiser, Jefferson, Kurth, Beier unanimous.

Board left closed session at 8:33. Roll Call of Maier, Peterson, Briquelet Miller, Jefferson, Beier, Kurth, Heiser, voted to leave closed session. Cedar had to leave the board meeting early.

Motion made and seconded to add to the Search Committee if in fact that was acceptable to the committee. All in favor. Jefferson agreed to approach some prospective members.

### **Old Business:**

Congregational Poll: A request was sent to the Board to vote to add to the agenda of General Assembly. Motion made and approved.

### **New Business:**

Articles of Incorporation discussion tabled

New Board Member Orientation: Beier and Heiser will meet with Josh Wright. He had been handed his board book.

February Circuit Writer will be a letter from the new President.

Meeting adjourned 8:50

Next meeting January 20, 2017

Submitted

Judy Beier, Secretary