

FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF WAUSAU

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

JULY 18, 2017

**Meeting call to order 6:30 pm**

**In Attendance:** Beier, Briquelet Miller, Cedar, Heiser, Hupy, Kurth, Peterson (Presiding), Wright

Absent: Maier

**Visitors:** Julie Trombley, Anji Spialek, Randy Jefferson

**Chalice Lighting, Reading, Reflection**

**Agenda Consent and Repair:** none

**Approval of the June 20 minutes:** Change: Maier, not Hupy suggested contacting recently absent members. Correction: "it was also suggested that we reach out to members who have traditionally pledged and have not yet . With those changes the minutes were approved with Heiser, Kurth, Cedar abstaining.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report submitted in writing.

**Staff**

- Spialek commented that the Bronston wedding was held in June with Marguerite Donnelly as the Church's Wedding Facilitator. That wedding party and another held were very appreciative of her help with the facilities and the wedding party.
- Lifespan Faith Development: Trombley explained last month's report asking for a slight increase in hours. Due to the start-up of the Parenting Group she would go to 25 hrs/wk for 46 weeks from 20hrs now. That would put her in a different benefit category as now there is no pension and paid time off. Thus she is requesting that when we begin the 2018 budget work a salary increase be added to Lifespan Faith Development. There is a grant for the preliminary work starting this fall on the Parenting Group. Concerns were raised as to the possibility that we cannot find the added dollars for 2018. One would hope that the successful start of the program and subsequent publicity would help us raise additional monies aside from the budget process. If this does not occur we return to the pre-2018 salary levels. It was noted that the expansion of Lifespan Faith Development is a very positive for attracting new members to our congregation. We also recommended that she search the UUA website for grant possibilities.

**Committee Reports:**

- Property : Peterson reported that Lynn Derus who was Barb Seegret's partner came for a visit and Peterson gave her a tour of the new kitchen paid for with Barb's bequest. She stated that Barb would have been so pleased with the results. She then asked whether there was air conditioning in the kitchen/dining room and when told no asked Peterson to get a quote as to the cost of installing it. He has contacted Malbrit to give us some numbers. The other part of the report was the need to fill the cracks in the west parking lot before the winter freeze. He will get an estimate on that.
- Stewardship: The 2018 committee members were announced. They are Marsha Fitzgerald, chair, assisted by Sara Thurs, marketing and Christina Priewe. The theme will be "New Beginning" keeping with the new changes brought about by hiring a new minister. Carl Drake will work closely with this committee and they will meet in August.
- Worship/Music Ministry: Report submitted by Jefferson. The summer worship sessions have been well attended and every slot is filled.

#### **Old Business:**

The need to reach out to former members was discussed. We must find a way to contact and encourage those members to take a fresh look at us. This is the time of "New Beginnings"; start of the Church year, Brain Mason coming in the fall, renewed energy at the ministry team level. All of these exciting things need to be explained and promoted to all members via email and perhaps a personal note to those who have been absent.

#### **New Business:**

Hupy brought up the issue of requests for financial help coming into the Church from Wausau community members. These are not people from our congregation but people whom Laurie Bushbaum had financially help throughout her time with us. This issue needs to be addressed by the new minister who has the ability to help through the minister's discretionary fund. It also was noted that there are protocols other area churches follow as well as resources that perhaps could be tapped within the community. Peterson announced that we received a bequest from Leigh Tuckey which at this time will go into the general fund until we better understand the financial picture at the end of the fiscal year.

Peterson also shared a letter from Lisa Presley, MidAmerica Transitions Coordinator for UUA regarding the Start Up Workshop which will be held in Oct or Nov to ensure that the Board and the new minister are on the same page, define expectations, and how we will share the work of the congregation.

Meeting adjourned 8:00

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Beier, Secretary

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