

FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF WAUSAU

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 19, 2017

Meeting called to order 6:45 pm

In Attendance: Beier, Briquet Miller, Cedar, Hupy, Kurth, Maier, Peterson (presiding), Wright, Mason (ex officio), Spialek (administrator), Trombley (DRE), Jefferson, Treasurer

Guests: Sheryl Hemp, Karen Monarski

Visitors: none

Chalice lighting, reading, reflections: Kurth thanked the departing board members, Nan Cedar and Kathi Hupy for their service to the congregation.

Agenda Consent and Repair: No changes

Approval of the November 21, 2017 minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes. A clarification for the November minutes was added. Hupy noted, after the vote to approve the 2018 budget, that her dissenting vote was due to her concern that using money from the reserve fund to help fill the budget discrepancy was not prudent. She wished that her reasoning be part of the official minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted in writing. Jefferson felt we would be ending the year with a small surplus. Hopefully the rest of the 2017 pledges will be coming in before the end of the month. It was discussed who should perhaps call the 13 outstanding pledgers to remind them. It was felt that this duty should best be handled by the Stewardship committee (the 2016 committee) not individual board members. Jefferson was asked to contact those committee members.

Minister's Report: Submitted in writing. Mason added to his report by saying that he is noticing new members at service and he would hope that we as a board would go out of our way to engage the visitors during the coffee hour and make them feel welcome.

Staff Reports: Submitted in Writing

Congregational Administrator: Spialek reminded us that new member certification is due by the Jan. meeting and then presented us with a list of former attendees who are letting their membership lapse. Non-members would not be counted in our report to UUA which determines our financial obligation to that association. Discussion ranged as to how to notify or whether to notify non-contributing members of their possible change in status. Of the list presented to the board various members offered to make calls to these individuals and simply ask if they wished to remain members or revert to friends status. Spialek also noted that the 2018 stewardship drive was going well.

Religious Education: Trombley was congratulated on the wonderful Christmas pageant put on by the RE staff with help from Sarah Rudolph(**director**) and Margaret Jerz (**music**). Many children participated and she felt it was a great success.

Committee Reports:

Property: Report submitted in writing. With the demise of one of the sanctuary furnaces the committee will be approaching the Endowment Committee for the money to replace it. Also of concern it was noted that when the gas leak was detected on the outside of the building by a passer-by and WPS came to investigate there was no one on the property and no one to notify except the answering machine (and a note left on the door). As this was a Thursday evening, no one checked the answering machine on Friday. WPS turned off the gas which left the building with no heat for almost 24 hours. Fortunately, there was a Friday evening event when all this was noticed. In addition to the leaks (6 of them on the external piping) it was discovered that the furnace was not working. It was been decided by staff that the answering machine will be checked at regular intervals and WPS was given emergency numbers.

Stewardship: No report

Worship/Music Committee: See minister's report for an update on the music. Jefferson stated that the January openings are filled.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Annual Meeting recap: It was decided that in the future the reports filed for the annual meeting, i.e. budget, nominating committee, endowment, and President's yearend report will be sent to the congregation at least 2 weeks in advance. It was felt that members didn't have enough time to go over all the information included in the annual meeting to really make informed decisions.

Winter retreat: All issues regarding insurance and liability have been addressed by the Staff

Furnace Repair/Replacement: See Property report

Maier at this point thanked Trombley, Spialek and Peterson for their hard work and dedication to the church this past year.

Meeting adjourned 7:40

Respectfully submitted;

Judy Beier, Secretary

Next meeting January 16, 2018

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