

FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF WAUSAU

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

MAY 15, 2018

In Attendance: Beier, Briquet Miller, Hemp, Kurth, Monarski, Maier, Peterson (presiding) Wright, Mason (ex-officio), Jefferson (Treasurer)

Absent: Busig

Staff: None

Visitors: None

Chalice lighting, reading, reflections: All expressed their relief to have Kevin back among us.

Agenda consent and Repair: Add Endowment report to reports, add Partner Church discussion to Old Business

Approval of the April 17, 2018 minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Report submitted in writing. As there had been no March report Jefferson took the Board through the April financials although both months were presented. He is cautiously optimistic of our overall financial health at this point of the fiscal year. He did point out areas to take note of: no monies have gone into a restricted fund set up for this year's allocation to Rev. Mason's Sabbatical. This is a budgeted item and we should be showing a monthly transfer to the fund. He also noted that snow removal is at 85% of budget so we MUST hope for a mild Nov and Dec.

Minister's Report: Report submitted in writing. One area highlighted was Mason's request for a \$1,000.00 increase to his Professional Expense Account. \$5,000 had been budgeted but as he is somewhat isolated in Central Wisc his ability to interact with fellow ministers usually means traveling to Milwaukee or other further places Discussion centered on the UUA request that each congregation donate \$10.00 per member (\$2,090) to support Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU). There is also a pledged matching grant. There was much discussion and a decision was made to **table** this until the June meeting

Staff Reports:

Congregational Administrator: Submitted in writing

Religious Education: Submitted in writing

Committee Reports:

Property: submitted in writing. Contributions for the renovation of Yawkey Hall have started to arrive and the contractor has notified that we wish to begin. Work has also begun on the air conditioning for the kitchen/dining hall. Property also helped purchase 8 new tables for K-1 and 2-4 classrooms

Ad Hoc: no report

Endowment: submitted in writing. Highlighted were the gains in the principal of the endowment since Feb 2018, a listing of the monies EC has contributed to mortgage pay down since 2006, and their help in funding requests mostly from property committee.

Old Business:

The concept of a Partner Church was explained again by Mason citing the benefits of sharing a partnership with a European church. The one time cost is \$650.00. **Motion made, seconded and passed** unanimously to approve. More information will be coming soon and will be shared with the congregation.

Audit: Dan Stabenow will meet with Mary Pierce to conduct an audit.

New Business:

A **motion was made, seconded and passed** to approve an increase of \$1,000.00 to the minister's Professional Expense Account. Maier pointed out that this is something that should be done in the budget discussions and not in the middle of the fiscal year.

Meeting adjourned 8:15

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Beier Secretary

ALL SUBMITTED REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH OR FROM THE SECRETARY