

## Board Meeting January 26 2016

Present:

Janice M., Melanie C., David S., Ann S., DeeAnne M., Paul S., Cliff A., Barbara F., Rev. Andy B.

Absent:

Guest:

### **Gratitude: Thank you cards**

Start: 18:35

### **Mindful Opening**

Start: 18:38

### **Consent Agenda**

Start: 18:43

Time: :01

1. Consent Agenda Topics:
  - a. November meeting minutes
2. Cliff moved and Melanie seconded to approve the consent agenda as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Minister's Report**

Start: 18:44

Time: :28

1. Attendance
2. 200 people attended the Black Lives Matter banner hanging
3.
  - a. Develop consent agenda
  - b. Generative thinking agenda items
  - c. The Board Room (board feedback at the end of services) –
    - i. **Action Item:** Janice to make a sign and schedule 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays
    - ii. Will have a quick training during next board meeting to handle potential feedback/reactions
    - iii. Start in January
  - d. Governance Policy Review Committee
    - i. **Action Item:** DeeAnne and David volunteered to spearhead this committee and provide topics for future board meetings and continue as an on-going process
  - e. Have opportunity for check-in time at the beginning of the meeting during the Mindful Opening by Rev Andy

## **Finance Report**

Start: 19:25

Time: :12

1. Last month is in much better shape with regards to the collections matching pledges
2. Breeze system is much better system – allows online views for quick access to data
3. First year-end projection is estimated to be slightly below budget (less than \$5,000)
  - a. Items of concern:
    - i. Utilities over budget – not much that can be done
    - ii. Insurance premiums – looking at new policies, but still expect higher
    - iii. Roof work in RE building – brings facilities up to budget

Finance report was received by the Board.

## **Recommendations from Finance for Check Signing**

Start: 19:37

Time: :03

1. The board voted to approve the finance committee recommendation with its one amendment. This included adding Rev. Andy as a check signer.

## **Board Section of the VUU Website**

Start: 19:40

Time: :18

1. Discussion of current website content and potential changes.
2. **Action Item:** DeeAnne volunteered to draw up proposed web site content and work with Paul for IT/Web capabilities/language.

## **Visioning Process**

Start: 19:58

Time: :15

1. Need to get started on small group meetings.
2. Need to have board members volunteer to facilitate meeting.
3. Proposed using current committee meetings, chalice circles, geographic home meetings, etc.
4. The board members present in meeting have volunteered to call/follow up with teams to schedule the meetings.
5. **Action Item:** Janice will follow up with Barbara on proposed next steps and timing.

### **Generative Thinking**

Start: 20:13

Time: :32

1. Percept survey results discussion
2. Lots of discussion around advocacy, evangelism, brand awareness, etc.
3. How can we do better with advocacy?

### **Action Items:**

Start: 20:44

Time: :01

1. **ALL: None**
2. **Janice:** develop “The Board Room” concept for congregants to discuss topics with board members 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays. Also develop training to be held in December board meeting.
3. **DeeAnne/David:** DeeAnne and David volunteered to spearhead the governance policy review committee and provide topics for future board meetings and continue as an on-going process
4. **DeeAnne/Paul:** DeeAnne volunteered to draw up proposed web site content and work with Paul for IT/Web capabilities/language.
5. **David:** David agreed to clean up the board section in the current website
6. **Janice:** Janice will follow up with Barbara on proposed next steps and timing for the visioning process.

### **Adjournment:**

Melanie moved and Paul seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously at 20:45.