

Board meeting Minutes 5/22/2018

Rick, Maria, Bob, Mary, Paul, Musette, Andy, DeeAnne, Karl

6:40 – People to thank-

Joan Bundy for the bell choir, very nicely done, 4 Seasons

Laurie Perry for being there every Sunday morning for set-up, ushering, counting...

Mike Anderson thank you for tech guys, given all limitations of that room, sound systems in order, and for sharing his ideas on how the tech crew can handle our two services and the need for extra tech people

Special Funds – good report, staying on top of things and growing the funds.

DeeAnne for ordering the pizza AGAIN for Conversation Congregation!

6:45 Andy mindful opening

6:50 – Special Funds

Rick Special Funds Update – Our charter restricts the amt we can give away. No money given out until we made \$100,000 and then give money out via grants etc. Right now, we have \$400,140 and growing. The charter allows SFC to only give away dividends and interest so they can't give away surplus money, only a couple of \$1000 dollars in dividends and interest. So, they would like to change the charter so they can share more of our wealth with the Congregation.

Charter states that they cannot touch anything that is principal, can't touch fund growth; they would like to be allowed to give a percentage of the total fund and want to be able to help out the Congregation more. Capital Gains has been deposited for a while into the fund and it has been treated as dividends and interest which isn't allowed in our charter. So, we have less than we thought we had to give as grants. Capital gains come from balancing the portfolio and the gains are treated as dividends and interest.

Special Funds Committee proposes that they change the charter to: Take the entire sum and make 4% available as grants. With a safe guard that if we it doesn't go up we avg. past 3 years and give that amt out. And we will continue to grow. This is a charter change, not a by-law change. So, we need to get a vote from the Congregation and can get it possibly at June meeting.

***** Rick will present this in June to Congregation for vote for 4%*****

*****Paul put on calendar for Special Funds to come and report on where funds is*****

*****Paul to send email capital campaign vote, special funds and budget – saying, here is what we are voting on for June 3rd mtg*****

Board endorses Special Funds committee proposal Mary, Karl 2nd, all aye

*****Rick needs to find out who will update the charter on the website*****

7:10 Andy Ministers report

Shares with us what Marci & Andy are explaining to Congregation about 2nd service. Most exciting part will be the possible cultural change.

*****Mary & Paul will meet with Andy about schedule in general*****

Red for Ed – we have trained more than 20 people in our Congregation on how to gather signatures; 1500 valued signatures have already been gathered

Andy's went over his leave schedule and his study schedule, Andy misses only 13 Sundays.

*****Paul will add to the calendar Andy's schedule*****

Can we develop an absentee ballot process that allows voting on more than people running for position? If people vote absentee and, say they vote "yes: to do a Capital Campaign but something then changes prior to the vote then...?

*****Mary bringing up absentee voting with the Policy Committee*****

7:30 – Budget, minutes consent, DeeAnne approves March and April mins finale, 2nds Maria all in favor aye

7:35 – Planning for VUU future

Wrap-up from Congregation Conversation. Seem most folks are willing to move forward. Voting on doing a Capital Campaign and a feasibility study.

What will the Congregation be voting on at the June meeting?

- Voting on budget 2018-2019
- Voting on starting a committee: Capital Improvement Committee (planning) and a Capital Campaign Committee AFTER Wendell's proposal
- Vote on SPECIAL FUNDS committee proposal

***** Paul will put motions in board highlights *****

***** Andy will put together hard questions that might be asked during June 3rd mtg, for example: Why we cannot use the Capital Campaign to pay off debt. *****

***** Paul change wording to say... "the Board moves that..." *****

Paul meet with 3rd party to see about hiring a consultant for Capitol Campaign. And also talked with Kay Crider (VUU stewardship consultant).

***** Paul will forward minutes from Jim and Kay's report possible consultants for feasibility study and Capital Campaign *****

Quick Zoom meeting was scheduled before June 3rd meeting for May 29th at 6:30.

7:55 - Budget update there were no changes from Congregation Conversation. Karl moves that the budget be approved as presented during the Congregation Conversation, Mary 2nd all in favor aye. Passes

8:00 – Policy Committee - Mary recommends that every policy include a date when done; that responsible parties be asked to update and review policies if they are not dated; and that dead links be removed. Mary proposed that there are a few word changes to Policy Committee (see on Trello).

Change charter to state that Policy Committee maintains a copy and that Board Secretary has a copy.

Bob moves that we approve Mary's proposed changes, Karl 2nd all in favor aye. Passes.

8:05 – Board Assessment

- We did good on 1 & 2 goal, need to work on 3rd.
- Board has many things that are going well
- Board is moving forward to not focusing on day to day stuff.
- Organizing with schedule and calendar a good thing.

8:10 ****Paul annual report and reflection will send out for review****

8:11 – year end meeting and board room same time. Nov. 4th Vision Sunday with lunch etc.

****DEEANNE - book report on "Boards on Fire" ****

Musette moves to adjourn, Karl 2nd, all in favor aye. Passes