

September 18, 2018 Board Meeting

Meeting opened 7:00 pm with chalice lighting and a reading.

Present:

Board Members

Maureen McGuire

Ranjan Batra

David Morgan

Eric Saulters-Wood

Lisa Dunn

Brian Heffner

Committee Members

Justin McCreary

Jim Becker

## **AGENDA**

### 1. Approve August 2018 minutes

Motion to approve by Eric, seconded by David, no discussion, unanimous approval.

### 2. Approve April 2018 minutes by members of the board at that time

Motion to approve by Ranjan, seconded by Eric, no discussion, unanimous approval

### 3. Approve Jim Becker to CALM committee

Motion to approve by Ranjan, seconded by Lisa, no discussion, unanimous approval

### 4. Set date for December Congregational Meeting

Tabled

### 5. Treasurer's Report by Ranjan

The income is not coming in and pledges are not being met, therefor income is down. Deficit will be larger than originally projected. Insuring the West Street property, even if we do prove occupancy, is proving to be an issue because our current insurer does not want to provide a policy for the property that has been uninsured for a period of time. Our Agent will look for another insurer and get a quote for an occupied building and property. He will also contact UUA (Richard Nugent, church finances) to see if there is any way they can help us.

Motion to approve quarterly report by Brian, seconded by Eric, no discussion, unanimous approval.

## 6. Committee reports:

1. Past President Report written by Patricia, read by Justin.
2. Minister's report presented by Justin
3. Membership report presented by Eric

UUA wants to come in and spend time with us before April 2019 over a weekend, meet with board and committees

## 7. Set agenda for the Special Congregational Meeting on 10/21/18 and decide options and wording for options that Congregation will vote on

Motion that we go ahead with the special October meeting by Ranjan, seconded by Lisa.

The floor opened for discussion. We will provide the congregation with best financial numbers that we have, and the best information we have on the real estate markets. A question was raised if it would be important to have a full year of expenses by waiting until December to have the congregation vote. The point was made that December is a very busy meeting without adding this issue. The point was made that every month we delay may bring more information, but the decision still must be made. A lot of factors are subject to change and prices are subject to change, we can get bogged down in the details. Discussion was closed.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed, passes – motion passed, the meeting will proceed on 10/21.

It was decided that the options to be presented are as follows:

1. Sell the North property and renovate and bring up to code the South property
2. Sell the South property and renovate and bring up to code the North property

It was decided that the Agenda will be as follows:

1. Presentation of financial information
2. Contractor's report on potential costs
3. Minister's report (first)
4. Membership Discussion  
Limit each member's time to talk to 3 minutes, have a pro line and a con line. Use Soapbox Sunday rules.

## 7. Discuss who is eligible to vote and how we will get the word out about eligibility

We need an updated list of voting members. The bylaws say that to be eligible to vote, a member must make a contribution.

Maureen makes motion that we will give people until 9/30 to fill out membership form and pledge form and turn them in to Eric or Ranjan to ensure voting eligibility for October meeting; Brian seconded; no discussion; unanimous approval.

## 8. Transition Task Force

We need to get someone to help with Transition Task Force and encourage more participation with the team. The Transition Task Force is down one elected member, so we need to have two elected at the next congregational meeting in December. Jim agreed to be on the Force as a congregational member until December. Brian has found new contractors to talk with. Justin suggested one of the task force members start looking for grants, Jim volunteered to undertake that task.

The next board meeting was set for 10/14/2018 at 12:30 at the church.

Meeting closed at 9:00.