

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

**Date of Meeting:** January 18, 2016

**Place of Meeting:** UU Church, 6901 Holly Road, Corpus Christi, TX

**Trustees Present:** Margaret Lawrence, President; Judy Pate, Vice President; Linda Feters, Treasurer; Kerri Cockerham, Secretary; Past President; Angela Leach, Jillian Whitbeck; Sylvia Wilson and Joe Pierce.

**Staff Present:** The Reverend Roger Mohr, Lauren Cantatory-Causey, Religious Education

**Guests Present:** Deborah Sundermann, Jerry Jones and George Clower

1. President Lawrence convened to meeting at 6:15 PM.
2. Check-in was brief; Reverend Mohr provided a centering message.
3. Covenant was read by Margaret Lawrence, President
4. Agenda was looked over and adopted.
5. Minutes: Last month's minutes were approved as corrected for the date of Beach Clean-up.
6. Leadership Council Report: The report was distributed, approved, and is attached hereto.
  - a. Jillian gave an update that the Casa Toy Drive went well.
  - b. Update on Beach Clean Up – Lot of people planning on participating with the Beach Clean Up. Goal is to be at the meet up places at 9:45 because it starts at 10. Need to talk about adopting a mile as an ongoing project. Angela will touch base with Patrick and let him know that we are checking out the clean up prior to adopting a mile.
  - c. Board approval of bid for painting the building – Joe Pierce reporting – Yaklin - \$13K, Alpha Omega - \$16K, Vela - \$5K & Affordable Walt's - \$9K. Margaret asked Joe and George to get together with Bill and do an inspection prior to the painting. Judy made a motion to accept Affordable Walt's painting for the exterior of the church, Sylvia-Second and everyone accepts. Approval by the board. Joe Pierce will update at next month's meeting.
  - d. Update on the Hunger Banquet – Sue and Judy have talked about putting this off until fall so they have more time to put towards it.
  - e. Compassionate Living Team – Nothing planned for Marian Gholston at this time. Sonia was collecting memories for Marian the last Judy knows. Judy will contact Sonia to see if she is still doing that and ask her to get the email to everyone.

7. Religious Education – Lauren said attendance is still lacking, but getting better. Held Chalice hour last Sunday, which is a mini service for the younger group. Compared fairness to equality and the kids were wonderful at it.

8. Minister's and Worship Committee's Report:

- a. Church direction: Reverend Mohr sees the church being healthy and is not sure what to even write for the newsletter at this point.
- b. Membership and counseling are both growing.
- c. New members had a concern about the RE program being large enough to support their son, they like the substance of the program, but are a little concerned about the size.
- d. Judy needs to bring up at leadership council meeting that all of the new members are receiving all information needed and subscribing to all duties required of being a new member.
- e. Expense account – Roger has received some pushback of purchasing a new computer, but it is in agreement that a computer is an important instrument for the minister to have.
- f. Discussion on Alene Burch pay – Kim asked Lauren to bring up her pay to \$100 per Sunday since she is a professional. Judy mentioned we have the budget set for now and maybe this is something we need to talk about when we have a new canvass. Rev is going to discuss this with Alene.
- g. Worship Committee – Joe asked how the chair setup worked and some in the choir mentioned it was hard for them to hear voices. Joe and Rev Roger are going to try to arrange it a little differently.

9. Treasurer's report

- a. Account Balances are listed on the report attached and are all about the same.
- b. Chili Fundraiser - \$409 at this time.
- c. Two new pledges have been received.
- d. Request from Ray Rose – Search committee getting a credit card to pay for pre-candidate expenses. Lauren suggested using her credit card and sending the bills in for reimbursement to Linda. She will let us know as soon as she speaks to Michael.

10. Old Business

- a. Christmas Tree
  - 90 items on the tree and 44 were picked up and of the 44 items 24 have been returned. Chris and Margaret are going to send out an update to remind the ones who have not brought items back to get them in. The remaining items that were on the tree will be put out so those who were not able to participate still have the possibility to purchase items. The board agreed to let the fundraiser extend.
- b. Linda mentioned having a public thanking for the donations received and to Bobby for the HEB card selling.
- c. Judy – Update on Chili fundraiser
  - i. Label the chili
  - ii. Margaret can sell tickets
  - iii. Board members serve the chili
  - iv. Extra table with condiments – people serve themselves and Table for Beer.
  - v. List below of what everyone is bringing:

- a Judy is bringing Chili for 35, 4 Cups Spanish Rice, 4 Cups White Rice, Queso and Beer by donation
  - b Lauren – Cornbread to include gluten free
  - c Jillian – Queso without chili
  - d Sylvia – Fritos, Couple of Veggie trays, Wine, Two Alarm Chili and Jicima
  - e Linda- Mild Chili with Veggies, Cornbread
  - f Jennifer – Chocolate Gluten Free Cake
  - g Margaret – Chili with beans for 25
  - h Angela – Crockpot of Vegetarian Chili
  - i Joe – Mexican Corn Salad for 25
  - j George and Joe are getting together a music track
  - k Debbie Sundermann will be bringing decorations
- d. Linda – Date for the spring fundraiser – No date yet, but looking at late March or sometime in April
  - e. Rev Roger – No new news on streaming Sunday services. Still looking into equipment needed. Margaret Lucero needs to be copied on all of the email in reference to Video Streaming. We need to also figure out a budget for this project.
  - f. Search Committee Update – Margaret spoke with Ray and after the packets went up and ministers looked it over, Five people were interested, One is from Texas and four are not, two were married couples and three were single. The committee is narrowing it down to three pretty shortly and they already have an idea of who they will be narrowing it down to. If you have questions for candidates email Ray Rose.

#### 11. New Business

- a. Texas Open Carry Law
  - i. Joe mentioned a few requirements about signs
  - ii. We need to maybe have a centralized person who should know who will be participating in the new law.
  - iii. Judy mentioned having someone who knows the law to discuss it with the congregation. Joe and Rev are going to meet with someone and get the facts to it all.
  - iv. Conversation was tabled until next meeting and Joe will come back with recommendation for the Safety team.
- b. Judy made a motion to not allow tobacco production including vaping inside the church building and Sylvia seconded and everyone was in favor. Motion carried!

12. Next Meeting will be February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:15.

13. The interim Ministerial evaluation needs to be performed and has to be in by February 1<sup>st</sup>. We will due this Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.
14. Next Congregation meeting will be Sunday May 15, 2016.
15. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52.

Submitted by,

Kerri Cockerham  
Secretary