

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

Date of Meeting: March 21, 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: Jerry Jones, Ray Rose, Margaret Lucero 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. Minutes: Last month's minutes were approved as corrected for the date of Beach Clean-up.
5. Leadership Council Report: The report was distributed, approved, and is attached hereto.
 - a. Leadership council is going strong - Judy
 - b. Spring Cleaning – About 20 people stayed and a lot was accomplished. Still things that need to be done and Bill will be putting up a list.
6. Religious Education – Lauren said class size has stabilized except for Spring Break Sunday. A new Teen Mentor study may take place over the teen class, which will be looked into it. Ray Rose mentioned that he was involved in a mentor program so he is a good resource.
7. Minister's and Worship Committee's Report:
 - a. Joe Pierce – Looking for guest speakers and Lay Leaders. Have about 15 suggestions as of right now. Judy Pate wants a big thank you to Joe for leading the worship committee and a thank you to the whole committee as well!! It is a big job and we know they have worked hard. Worship Committee noticed that the end of the service is a little messy and they are working on making it smooth.
 - b. Minister –Nothing much going on. Did have someone come to him asking about doing a pre-death thing. We may want to consider how to deal with a database or something like that when someone has wishes for their funeral and other things after they have pass. Who handles that? -Margaret is going to put this as a task and has made a notation. Ray will be asking his sister-in-law, their church has something along that line.

8. Treasurer's report

- a. Account Balances are listed on the report attached and are all about the same.
- b. Building Report – Has dropped because of the painting – Margaret, Judy and Linda will be going over it to come up with a way to replenish.
- c. Safety Deposit Box was opened in Linda's name since the church cannot open it in their name. Will be adding other names to the box.
- d. Request from Alene Burch – Needs to have her salary raised .
- e. Membership Committee Request for Regional Cookout –Allocation of \$200 -Judy-Motion, Kerri-2nd - Vote all in favor.... Passed
- f. Faster Internet Service – Need faster service will cost \$50 more, so about \$100 total... Needed for Streaming Video to the outside people.
- g. Cornerstone Plaque – George Clower - \$750 for the engraving service from Corpus Christi Stamp Works from Harry Chester. Cannot get a quote from anyone else. Discussion around spending the money for the marble. Joe Pierce- Make a motion for George Clower and Sylvia Wilson to implement the cornerstone project to finalize up to completion up to \$750. Judy Pate – second - Motion passes. Board recommended that prior to this being done again, expenditure needs to be discussed.
- h. Judy Pate – Endowment Fund Report – Up about \$10K – Robin Kennedy said it has not been a good year and hopefully the market will rise.

10. Old Business

- a. Search Committee Progress – Ray Rose
Started off in November with six people - It now has been narrowed down to two of them. The committee is happy with both candidates. They have to make a decision by April 4th on which candidate they will pass on to the UUA. Cannot technically offer a position until the 7th of April. Judy Pate – Suggests that the announcement about the new candidate vote comes from Margaret Lawrence, the Board President. Hoping to have the Candidating week the first week of May.
- b. May Day Regional Picnic & Video Streaming – Margaret Lucero
 - i. Need the Meat and Bread
 - ii. Send out Invitations first week of April
 - iii. Will be asking for RSVP
 - iv. Video Streaming is a piece of the Picnic – they will be invited to the picnic to demo the streaming to the visitors.
 - v. Higher Bandwidth will require a contract – the longer the contract the lower the cost – Jillian Whitbeck – Minimum of 3 years for the contract.
 - vi. Facebook Event – would be set up by Jillian
 - vii. Mark cannot test the equipment on the current speed.
 - viii. Linda – Motion to buy the equipment and increase our internet connection speed from \$50 to \$130 maximum a month for a period of a 3 year contract. Joe Pierce 2nd - motion carries.
- c. Police Help with security measures – Put a phone by the AV team that will not ring during service. Another thing that was suggested – we discourage open carry signs – may be ways to circumvent the size requirements of signs. We will be discussing this at a later time.

11. New Business

a. Table Deborah Sunderman and T-shirt until next meeting

12. Next Meeting will be April 18th at 6:15.

13. Next Congregation meeting will be Sunday May 15, 2016.

14. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03.

Submitted by,

Kerri Cockerham
Secretary