

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

Date of Meeting: November 16, 2015

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; Jillian Whitbeck; Sylvia Wilson and Joe Pierce.

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

Guests Present: Deborah Sundermann, Jerry Jones, 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 and decision was made to try to push through and make this one long meeting instead of two.
4. Minutes: Last month's minutes were approved.
5. Agenda adopted, to include information re: Burning Man Beach Clean Up.
6. Leadership Council Report: The report was distributed, approved, and is attached hereto.
 - a. Margaret Lucero has taken over Membership Chair and is doing a wonderful job and has a lot of ideas.
 - b. Svad Svadlenak, Jean Evans, Jillian and Mark Whitbeck will be heading up the CASA toy drive, flyer attached.
 - c. Update on painting: Bill will have bids by the December meeting.
7. Religious Education – Lauren has submitted RE package to the search committee for the new minister.
8. Minister's and Worship Committee's Report:
 - a. Church direction: Reverend Mohr sees the church in good shape and is chugging right along.
 - b. Rev is referring people to Jillian Whitbeck re: CASA for questions
 - c. Looking for a speaker for January 10th service, Rev will be doing the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays in January.

9. Treasure's report

- a. Stewardship Report – Pledge Results – 77 pledges and we still have 3 outstanding.
 - i 96.6% of our goal was received with a 23% increase from last year.
 - ii Results of matching pledges was \$26,600 – Cornerstone members are listed in the report.
 - iii Suggested not putting pledge amount on each individual card next time, time consuming and need for confidentiality. Other suggestions are listed on the Stewardship report, attached.
 - iv Went over budget \$133.74 – Linda moved to reimburse up to \$458.74 less donations to George and Sylvia, Joe Pierce 2nd and all were in favor. Motion Moved!

- b. Treasure's Report
 - i Account Balances are listing on the report attached
 - ii Building Fund has been changed to the Reserve fund per consensus
 - iii Incorrect Number was listed on the Overage/Shortfall – Discussion open to find the shortage and some ideas from Margaret Lawrence are listed below
 - 1 Remove \$2,000 from Dwight Brown Leadership
 - 2 Auction will have \$1,000 extra we were not expecting
 - iv Consensus – discussion tabled until research can be done on the restricted account.

10. Communications Report – Meeting of the communications committee has not yet taken place.

11. Additional Old Business

- a. Update the minutes on the U2C3 website – Jillian already updated them all as of 11-16-15
- b. Newsletter Editor – Jim Fugate is happy to take over the newsletter come May, but we need someone to take over January – April
 - i Idea – Between Sonia's Friday blast and Sundermann's email it is believed that should be enough until Jim gets back in May.
 - ii Druzy will also be looking into a temporary Newsletter editor.
 - iii We can also look for volunteers

- c. Gifting Tree Project
 - i Idea- a group can get together and get tags ready for the tree & a date will be posted at in the near future. Volunteers are listed below:
 - 1 Judy & Carol Pate
 - 2 Linda Fetters
 - 3 Margaret & Jim
 - 4 Chris
 - ii Gail Goo has our tree and Lauren will look into finding the decorations
 - iii Idea – Joe Pierce, we need to have a sign out sheet for items that are taken from the church so we do not accidentally misplace items.
 - iv Need a volunteer to go through the list of last year's gift items and add to and/or remove items.

12. New Business

- a. Margaret Lucero - Proposal for streaming Sunday Services
 - i Live streaming of our Sunday services to other communities – by streaming we will be able to interact with them without any expectation in return. Rev has consulting support – Daniel O’Connell in Houston.
 - 1 We can stream, but not record band music for copywriting purposes
 - 2 Discussion – Everyone thinks it is a wonderful idea, but Joe Pierce made the comment that we need to make sure we keep the ball rolling if we get it started and make sure to mention that this is on a trial basis until we see how it will work out.
 - 3 Rev has already emailed Mr. O’Connell re help with how to get this started
 - 4 Margaret Lawrence – give the Membership committee the go ahead to get the information together and cost of the project and all were in favor.
 - 5 Debbie Sundermann – Corner Sign needs updating - see updated sign ideas attached
 - a It was moved and seconded that the line 'Standing on the Side of Love' be removed and replaced with 'A Welcoming Congregation'. The voice vote carried unanimously, see attached.
 - 6 Discussion on event publicity – result of the auction fundraiser DRS has stated the communications committee needs to be more proactive.
 - 7 Belly Dancing would like to rent the church for a performance – January 23rd. They would like to donate \$300, with Joe and Laurie Pierce sponsoring– consensus approval from the board and it is on the calendar.
 - 8 Building has been left unlocked and alarm has been left unset frequently
 - a Need Sonia to send a letter asking key holders to return their keys if they no longer have a need for them.
 - b Come up with a training session for anyone who has a key.
 - 9 Judy Pate and Linda Feters – January 17th, Chili Lunch Fundraiser sponsored by the board and will be discussed at the December meeting.

10 Lauren – January 1st, the State of Texas will be open carry. Joe Pierce will research and table until the December meeting.

13. Next Meeting will be moved from December 21st to December 14th.

14. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Submitted by,

Kerri Cockerham
Secretary

Attachments:

Board of Trustees Agenda
Leadership Council Minutes
Proposed Budget
Restricted Account Report
Revs Letter
Sign Update Ideas
Social Action Report
Stewardship Committee Report
Toy Drive Flyer
Treasurers Report