

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington, North Carolina
Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting Minutes, April 16, 2024

Location: UUCWNC

Robert Demko, Kathy Gillcrist*, Jane Horrell, Jeannie Lennon, Dennis McCulley, Gary O'Connell, Jimmy Reeves, Michael Sheridan, Fran Strauss

*attending via Zoom

Guests: Representing the Settled Search Committee- Elizabeth Macleod and Dan Wheat-Rivers.

Call to Order: Gary called the meeting to order at 5:15, chalice was lit.

Monthly Reports: All reports accepted as submitted.

Treasure's report (Appendix A)

Religious education report (Appendix B)

March Minutes

Settled Search Committee Update: UUCWNC state the Settled Candidate's agreement must be shared with the congregation ahead of vote. Notice should be sent out in advance (approximately May 1st), followed by two information sessions. The Search Committee will host Worship Service April 28th, to be followed by a Q&A session.

Congregational meeting (5/19) plans were discussed:

Following the service, the room will be cleared and setup

Congregants will be checked in and given a paper ballot

Holly to print paper ballots that will allow for anonymity

Board will provide agenda

Settled Committee will organize Zoom vote via Google poll

Congregant Doris C agreed to be parliamentarian for the meeting

Settled will have slides on what's being voted on

Quorum must be established (20% of members)

Board Secretary will provide headcount of congregants to Board Vice President

Search Committee read the motion for vote

UUA requires 90% approval

Board will count votes and an announcement will be made to the congregation

Elizabeth and Dan left the meeting at 6pm

Membership Engagement Team update: Dennis reported on the organizational planning of Membership Engagement Team (MET) and Central Hospitality Committee (CHC). Kim S will be responsible for Sunday hospitality, Dennis will lead special events team.

Tacos & Trivia Night (5/18): Fundraising event on Saturday night. Dennis and Kathy G handling this fun-filled event. Kathy to speak with Rev Kelley about childcare.

Board-led Service (4/21): Roles discussed. Gary to provide homily, Jimmy is worship associate. New members will be honored. Elizabeth Macleod providing Pledge-Drive related testimonial.

New Business: Jeannie proposed editing words of "Go Now and Peace" song (used to sing the students out of the service to their classrooms) from "may the love of God surround you" to "may the love of All

surround you". The Board agreed that this is good suggestion and should be taken to the Worship Committee.

May's BOT meeting: will be in person at UUCWNC, candidate Alyssa Lee to attend.

Adjourned 6:45pm

UU Congregation of Wilmington	
Statement of Condition as of 03/31/2024	
Assets	
Bank	
1001 PNC Checking	\$ 18,203.71
1002 PNC Reserve Account	83202.72
1005 Petty Cash	155.47
1004 PNC Building Fund	171934.74
1010 Endowment Fund	54,777.03
Total Bank	\$ 328,273.67
Other Current Assets	
1040 Brokerage Account	7370.11
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 7,370.11
Fixed Assets	
1020 Buildings	526,300.00
1040 Office Equipment & Furnishings	28,800.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 555,100.00
Other Long Term Assets	
1050 Land	110,000.00
Total Other Long Term Assets	\$ 110,000.00
Total Assets	\$ 1,000,743.78
Liabilities	
Long Term Liabilities	
2800 Mortgage	102,083.72
Total Long Term Liabilities	\$ 102,083.72
Total Liabilities	\$ 102,083.72
Total Net Assets	\$ 898,660.06
Total Liabilities + Net Assets	\$ 1,000,743.78

Rev. Kelley Updates

From: Kelley Wheat-Rivers (revkelley@uucwnc.org)

To: board@uucwnc.org

Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 at 03:59 PM EDT

Hi all,

Here are my updates for y'all this month:

Religious Education:

We've been averaging 10-14 kiddos on Sundays. The RE volunteers have been dependable and wonderfully participatory. Volunteers are scheduled already through the end of June and several other Sundays throughout the year.

I'm continuing to gather information on the kids and parents attending. Some of the parents have signed up for the Newcomer's class I'll be leading on 4/28/24. I'm hearing sweet feedback from the parents that their kids are feeling happy and welcome here. I think the rainbow bags and pillows are really contributing to that.

Some families haven't been around lately for personal reasons, but I'm still in touch with many of them and am checking in and offering support.

Pastoral Care:

Continued communication with both the caring team and Pastoral Care Partners. The PCP members have a few new congregants they're following and it seems helpful and beneficial.

There was a particularly great situation this month where I was able to get in touch with two sons of a congregant and coordinate communication and care.

Another new congregant will be matched with a PCP person soon.

I've also made several pastoral care visits personally.

Community Outreach/Social Justice:

Went with Peter, several Social Justice and Love Our Children team members to speak at the New Hanover County School Board meeting against a school suspension policy for 5, 6, and 7 year olds.

Planning to attend a day in Raleigh in the next couple weeks with other Social Justice team members.

Ongoing connection with Faith Leaders United, the local interfaith religious leaders group.

Social Media posts continue to get good interaction. I'm hearing positive feedback about the posts and information shared.

Share the Plate gives me weekly updates on the referents they've chosen and I share the info. Other people have reached out asking about me sharing information like for the Book and Plant sale, NYRDs, etc.

Church Updates:

Have had several people sign the membership book with me. Another person is scheduled for Friday. We'll have 27 people we'll be welcoming as new members on Sunday!

About 6-7 people have RSVPed to the Newcomer's class on 4/28.

The Search Team gave me the green light to open communication with Alyssa Lee and that's been going very well.

I think that's about all for now!

Gratefully,
Kelley

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