

AUUC BOT Minutes 1/21/16

In attendance: Liz Dell, MaryJo Sontag, Rev. Dave, Greg Blackman, Sonya Reed, Jay Poliziani, Eric Meisberger, John Luff

Excused absence:

Absent:

Guest : Donald Zeigler

Chalice lighting

Check in

Additions to the Agenda: Mid year meeting revue and membership update

The ascent agenda was approved with corrections made to the budget related to Giant Eagle cards and Ameritas. New budgets were submitted by John Luff. Rev Dave expressed that he did not provide a ministers report because he would like the BOT to clarify what is helpful in the report from him so he can provide what is needed. Liz expressed that this would be a topic of discussion at an upcoming meeting.

Guest Presentation:

DZ reported that our Current membership number 73 individuals and 57 households.

DZ explained that he is in the process of putting together the report to the UUA related to where we are and what we do as a congregation.

DZ provided charts identifying that there will be open spots on the BOT and also that there will be no members of the Endowment Committee as of June 2016. 3 to 5 members are needed. The Endowment Committee is responsible for providing an update on the endowment at the annual meeting. Currently Mark and Kate Tomlinson are on the Endowment Committee.

Any by-law changes must be considered well in advance of the meeting.

DZ will review the by-laws to see if there is an option for electronic/SKYPE participation and voting at meetings.

DZ will also find the churches safety policy so the board can review and update it.

Denominational Affairs:

Liz updated the group that the summit against racism will be Saturday at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Building Authentic Diversity will be at AUUC on Saturday 1/30. District Assembly will be held on April 2nd.

Succession Planning

Liz will take a leave of absence from appx Feb to June 2016 and Greg will act as President of the BOT in her absence.

Liz plans to return for her final year on the board but as a member not President.

A president will be needed as of June 2016

DZ will find the nominating committee document that explains the expectations of a Board member. None of the board members in attendance had received that document.

Balance from the Acoustic renovations

John explained that \$609.27 remains in a restricted fund for the renovations. This can only be moved to unrestricted funds for general use of the church with the approval of those who made the donation. Liz will draft a thank you letter to those who donated with a request that they approve or disapprove the move of the funds to unrestricted.

Return of Bryan

Rev Dave explained that Bryan Byers is interested in possibly returning to the congregation as a member/not an employee. Rev Dave will briefly discuss this at the mid year meeting and hold a more targeted discussion on 2/14 after church.

Mid year meeting

Rev Dave will ask that Scott be prepared to give a report on the data collected from the Heart to Hearts to date.

John will discuss possible changes related to the U House. The goal of this presentation will be to get a sense from the congregation if this is agreeable to most or all.

Membership committee

membership team will contact members who have not been in church or contributed financially in recent years to confirm their interest in membership.

Alternative Spring Break

Vanderbilt and Delaware students will be at the U house in March. Sonya offered to help with the Delaware students and Liz will check with Mark about the Vanderbilt students needs.

Mary Jo motioned to adjourn and Sonya seconded

Next meeting 2/18/16