

AUUC Board of Trustees May 17, 2018 minutes.

Quorum reached.

In Attendance: Greg Blackman, Jay Poliziani, Laura Conkle, John Luff, Rev Dave.

On phone: Sonia Reed and Kate Tomlinson.

Absent: Sarah Wade Smith.

Guests: Ellen Kerr and Lisa Schroth.

Assent agenda approved

Ellen Kerr read to the board a letter she wrote expressing her disappointment with the Board's decision to not be a sponsor of the City of Bridges high school. Several of the members of the board in attendance expressed their reasoning behind their votes. Limited church volunteer power and the difficulty soliciting help for the RE program were cited as primary reasons for the decision. If there is an interest in revisiting the decision it would require reaching out to the City of Bridges and a Board vote in the future.

Lisa asked if the Board needed to approve offering our current childcare assistant, Stacey the part time role of RE educator starting in June when she steps away from the job. The Board said that we agree with the decision and that it was up to Rev Dave to make the offer to Stacy.

Greg presented the agenda for the annual meeting and everyone agreed with the schedule of topics.

John highlighted changes to the budget for the next fiscal year to support a possible \$8,000 repair to the U House. He restated that with a projected \$16,000 deficit it is critical that the church focus on fundraising. Jay made a motion and Laura seconded it that the board approve allowing the Treasurer to spend up to \$125,000 in the next fiscal year (2019) in church related expenses. All agreed.

The group discussed what happened since the last meeting related to the Giant Eagle fundraiser and possible next steps. Greg expressed that he and Kate met with Betty Schwarz to get a better understanding of the process to date. Rev Dave expressed that he and Betty discussed the project and the benefits of having a second person involved in the work. The group decided that Greg would tell Betty to plan to buy and sell cards as usual for June and that before the next board meeting Greg would draft with input from John a procedure document that will clarify that participants should pay for the cards in advance of the church placing the order. Greg will also talk to Betty about an announcement to be made at the annual meeting seeking a partner to work alongside her with the project.

Greg presented a draft of how a Minister discretionary fund is operated at other UU churches. The group will review it and discuss it further at a future meeting.

Because the next Board meeting date as posted conflicts with GA the next meeting date will be decided via a doodle poll.