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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
1019 South Blvd. Building
6:30 PM :: August 1, 2017

Attendees

Board: Rob Bellmar, Karen Haskins-Brewer, Alec Brownlow, Bill Crozier, Anne Devaud, Clara Lewis, and Dave Willard

A-Team: Alan Taylor, Kellie Kelly

Guest: Lynne Hensel

1. Centering began at 6:35 by Alan. We reflected on the hate groups and violence in Charlottesville and the “lunacy on display.” We also shared our happiness at being in 1019.
2. Rob introduced Lynne Hensel, who is a candidate for our new treasurer, given that Amanda Sonnenborn resigned. Lynne shared information about herself. Alec motioned we vote to confirm Lynne as our new treasurer and Bill seconded. Unanimously approved, and we happily welcomed her!
3. Consent Agenda –
 - a. There was discussion that BOT minutes need to be posted more promptly for congregation review.
 - b. Alan shared developments regarding the August 27 Block Party, the Oct. 1 Re-dedication service, and the Nov. 19 multi-faith Thanksgiving service. Alan was pleased to share that the new president of the UUA, Susan Frederick-Gray, will be coming to our re-dedication.
 - c. It was discussed that ownership of UT has not been transferred to us, yet, due to continued items that need to be completed from the punch lists.
 - d. Discussion with Alphawood regarding assisting with the increased cost of running the improved UT building – as expenses will certainly be higher than prior to renovation –continues. Alan reported that Dan Crimmins said there is movement with Alphawood and anticipates a gift before the end of 2017.
 - e. Alan said Elizabeth spoke to the Village of Oak Park about our liquor license and the Village stated we should determine our needs. Amanda Sonnenborn will provide counsel for this.
 - f. With Elizabeth’s absence, Rob reviewed some aspects of the P & L and Balance sheets.

Anne motioned the Consent Agenda be approved and Dave seconded. Unanimously approved.

4. Financial Update – Rob stated that he hoped for a budget to be presented for approval by the November board meeting. He requested that, as Board members, we reflect upon our own contributions for the Fund Drive.
5. Executive Session – Bill motioned we break for Executive Session and Alec seconded. Unanimously approved.
6. Update on Transition Teams’ Activities – Alan shared most updates earlier and stated most teams have completed their work. He said the Re-dedication team was meeting and finalizing plans for the service, the special invitees, the invitation, and the reception.
7. Board Retreat Dates and Topics – Rob shared that the Doodle Poll showed we could not find a common date when everyone was available. The retreat will be Friday evening, Oct. 6, and Saturday day, Oct. 7. We will have a facilitator attend and address the question of: How do we manifest our end statements within policy governance?
8. Green Team Transition and Recognition – We discussed the letter Ann White wrote regarding her years of significant work on the Green Team, what the work of the team entails, her resignation as its chair, and our deep appreciation. Alec will write her a thoughtful thank you note.
9. Additional Business - Rob will send out a letter, via email, updating the congregation about changes on the board and in other areas. Rob discussed a more paced process for transitions on the Board, such as contemplating a presidency position and what it entails, and more education for those who are new to the Board. Everyone agreed and felt it would improve efficacy and continuity.

Bill moved we adjourn the meeting and Alec seconded. Meeting ended at 7:56, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Devaud
BOT Secretary