

BUUF Board Meeting, Sunday, October 14, 2018, from 8:30—10:00 AM

Attendance: Lisa Fuller, Harvey Johnson, Katharine Lion, Dave Sarra, Beth La Fleur, (Joanne Krettek)

President Lisa Fuller called the meeting to order at 8:43 with her opening words. Also informed the board that Jim McConnell had been in a car accident on the way to the meeting and was headed to the ER with his family.

Consent Agenda:

Meeting minutes from previous month's meeting – reviewed and no changes needed

Minister's report – No report submitted

Committee on Ministry report submitted

Treasurer's report submitted

DRE report submitted and reviewed

Office Administrator's report submitted

Membership committee - No report submitted

No Building and Grounds Report/No Green Sanctuary Report

Discussion of Board Goals for 2018/2019:

Lisa called for a chance to touch base on board goals at the beginning of each meeting

- Raising Funds through grants: encouraging members to become Chalice Lighter Supporters and apply for grants. If 20% of membership becomes one (\$60/year) we are eligible for grants. Also shows that we are participating in the life of region.

- Stoles Project: Katharine looking into selling on Etsy sites.

- Safe Congregation Policy: No updates at this time.

- 60th Anniversary Planning: Dave planning a meeting for November 12 with committee.

- Board Observers: Lisa looking into inviting board observers from the congregation as a whole. Suggestion for Beth to post minutes on the website for congregational viewing.

Old Business:

Board Covenant: Changes were made to include honoring different personality styles, avoiding a sense of urgency, honoring debate. Lisa moves to approve the Board Covenant, Board unanimously approves covenant.

Discussion of Sanctuary Space: Terry Sundstrom has submitted a plan to remove wall to office, raise ceiling, and place pulpit area there, reorienting the chairs. There are questions about how much space would actually be gained. (25% was Jim McConnell's estimate. Dave Sarra pointed out that up to 90 chairs can be placed in the sanctuary with the pulpit removed.) Other questions that arise and need to

be answered: cost/benefit ratio of the construction, where would office be relocated, addressing aesthetic issues with aesthetic committee.

Board decided to appoint a steering committee (Space Utilization Panel?): Terry Sundstrom, Jim McConnell, Jim Fuller, and Charles Long) to begin to address some of these questions and come up with some basic estimates. Lisa will invite them to meet with a statement of need to address feasibility and costs.

New Business

Fundraising Committee Update: Meeting after 10/14 service. Threw around some ideas for possible fundraising projects: bake sale, book sale, plant sale, combined sale.

OutCenter Teen Halloween Party: Will be held at BUUF on Saturday, October 27. Dave Sarra will be attending and serving as BUUF liaison for event.

Welcoming Committee Survey update: 13 responses so far. Committee will meet to discuss results. Will send out a reminder email to hopefully get more responses. We are looking to recertify as a Welcoming Congregation.

BUUF Centralized Calendar: Joanne introduced the Google Calendar system to board and briefly went over logging in and use of calendar.

Voters not Politicians: Lisa has not had any updates from group.

Save the Vote: Will be held at original location in Benton Harbor. Harvey requested more volunteers to facilitate event.

BUUF Sign: Was repaired and painted by Jim McConnell

Adjournment: Lisa adjourned the meeting at 10:11 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth La Fleur, Secretary