

Board Meeting 3/8/2015

Present:

Board Members: Robyn, D'On, Barbara, Diane, Nancy

Minister: Rev. Marcia Stanard

Guests: Debra, Justice

- Meeting called to order at 1:07 pm

- Canvass update with Debra and Justice
 - Sermon: March 22, with personal appeal by congregation member
 - Pledges Due: April 12
 - Informational Meeting: May 17
 - Congregational Meeting: May 31
 - Hank has paperwork and templates and is willing to work with Debra (cards, brochure)
 - Pledge cards should be available on 3/22.
 - We're thinking about in person conversations.
 - We discussed the message

- Approve last minutes.
 - Minutes from the last meeting were approved as corrected.

- Minister's Report
 - Report was distributed by email prior to meeting.
 - Marcia will speak with Willow about missing so many Sundays.
 - Roz and Marcia have been playing telephone tag.
 - A Path to Membership class is scheduled for 3/22
 - It's time to recruit a small task force to look at moving. Nancy will be part of that effort.

- Treasurer's Report
 - Checking the last 6 years of treasurer's record, we appear to be on track with the historic pattern of pledge payment.
 - D'On suggests we seriously consider hiring a payroll service. She will get some estimates.
 - We missed the state W-3 filing last year and appear to owe a fine.

- GA scholarship fund
 - Tode has suggested that we set up a scholarship fund.
 - The UUA is trying to diversify attendance at GA.
 - Are there really people who would go to GA with assistance from Wy'east who couldn't go otherwise?
 - Robyn moved that we create a reserve fund to provide partial scholarships for Wy'east members who wish to attend GA but who need financial assistance to

do so. We will invite Wy'easters to contribute to the fund. Nancy seconded.
Approved unanimously.

- Nancy will tell Tode
 - Robyn will administer the fund, i.e. set policy, solicit applications and allocate money.
 - Scholarships can be used to help with one day registrations and full registrations.
 - Marcia will send something out on the Wy'east email list.
 - Contributors will not be able to earmark their donations for specific recipients and still take a charitable donation (Federal law).
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- Sending Robyn to GA as a delegate (and board president). Barbara moved that Wy'east pay Robyn's registration to GA; Diane seconded. Robyn recused herself, In favor all 4 remaining board members.

 - Bylaws changes. Passed at the special meeting earlier today. Yay!

 - Data Storage/Compliance form from First American, our background check company: Robyn will talk with Anders and take care of submitting the report. She will let us know when it is done.

 - Feedback on Services. There has been a request from a member of the congregation to remind people how to provide feedback on services (Ministerial Concerns Committee and Worship Committee). A blurb for the newsletter seems appropriate. Barbara will write something and send it to Sharai.

 - On a somewhat related note, Amy has suggested, and offered to create, a visual aid suggesting who in the congregation to talk to on various church related topics. Robyn moved and D'On seconded that we approve her doing that and defray the minimal expenses involved. Approved unanimously.

 - Growth:
 - We're running out of space, But, do we really think the congregation wants to grow? Maybe we like the space so well that we are happy filling the space, but want to stay as and where we are?
 - D'On points out that this is related to mission.
 - Marcia feels that although we are a family size congregation (at 63 members) we act more like a pastoral size congregation (125 - 200 members). That means growing pains are likely to be less than they might be.
 - Barbara wants us to be more consciously connected to what we do. Growth should come from a perceived ability to fill a need, both within ourselves and in the wider world. She would like our many individual actions to make the world a better place to be better connected to the congregation.

- Next meeting April 12 right after church: 12 - 2. (Recall that the spaghetti feed is that evening.) Marcia will not be with us.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Smith-Thomas, secretary.