

FUUCA Board of Trustees

Meeting date: **Tuesday, October 18, 2011** **Started: 6:30 PM** **Ended: 9:30 PM**

Location: FUUCA

Purpose/Notes: Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by: Chris Jimmerson

Minutes rec. by: Brendan Sterne

Attendance:

Present: Meg Barnhouse, Margaret Borden, Luther Elmore, John Franks, Sean Hale, Eric Hepburn, Chris Jimmerson, Rose Ann Reeser, Brendan Sterne, Eric Stimmel, Susan Thomson

Regrets:

Absent: Brent Baldwin, Ann Edwards

Late: Klondike Steadman

Guests:

(none)

Meeting Documents:

- First UU Austin Policies - 2011-03-15 (working reformat).doc

Meeting Minutes:

1. Committee business

1.1. Call to Order

Chris Jimmerson

Documents:

- 10-11boardpacket.pdf

Status: Completed

1.2. Chalice Lighting and Reading

Luther Elmore

Status: Completed

1.3. Board Covenant

Chris Jimmerson

Documents:

- Ideas for a new Board Covenant v2.docx

Status: Completed

1.4. Consent Agenda

Chris Jimmerson

Moved by Eric H.

Approved

Report:

Documents:

- DoFO report X-11.doc
- Reminder.doc.pdf
- Sept 2011 F Report Coversheet.doc
- sept 2011 financial report 11-X-11.xls

Status: Completed

1.4.1. Proposal to Approve Expenditure from LRF for Making-it-Happen retreat

Chris Jimmerson

Report:

Documents:

- Proposal for Ensuring Funding for.doc

Status: Completed

1.4.2. Approve minutes from Sept Meeting

Brendan Sterne

Documents:

- Minutes_9_20_2011.pdf

Status: Completed

1.5. Process Evaluation

Rose Ann Reeser

Documents:

- MeetingPrep-ProcessGuide-3.doc.pdf

Status: Completed

1.6. Visitors Forum

Brendan Sterne

No Visitors

Status: Completed

2. Old business

No Old business

3. New business

3.1. Cost of Governance Interpretation

Chris Jimmerson

Chris walked us through the attached interpretation. Board had brief discussion and approved.

Report:

Documents:

- Interpretation of Board Policy 3.1.doc

Status: Completed

3.2. New End on Radical Hospitality

Susan Thomson

Exercise examining feedback on Radical Hospitality

We broke into three groups to answer the three questions (provided in the attached documentation). Each group had similar feedback:

- 1) We should probably add a new level 2 item that addresses: Seeking, Inviting

2) Bullets two and three should use more expansive language than "Members" (e.g. Community Members, Members and Visitors, etc)

3) The final bullet should be narrowed from "People are fully..." to "Members are fully..."

ACTION: Linkage group to develop language including this feedback

Report:

Documents:

- FUUCAFE Rad_Hosp_Notes.doc
- Radical Hosp. Exerc.doc
- radical hospitality.txt

Status: Completed

3.3. Board Process Interpretation

Chris Jimmerson

Chris to present the attached Proposed Procedures

Chris presented the attached Proposed Procedures.

Some questions were raised as to whether advance notice was *required* to move something from the consent agenda to the normal agenda. The answer was no - any consent agenda item may be moved to the general agenda by any board member at the meeting. However, Board members are strongly encouraged to take their questions in advance to the owner of the agenda item to try to get any concerns addressed in advance.

Brendan to provide some edits to the procedures.

Report:

Documents:

- ProceduresforBoardMtgs.doc

Status: Completed

3.4. Ministry Report

Meg Barnhouse

Meg thanked the board for their hard work. Meg spoke positively of our 'Getting Started' retreat with District Executive Susan Smith. Meg also spoke about the recent march and same-sex wedding on the Capitol.

Status: Completed

3.5. Budget Update

Sean Hale

Report:

Documents:

- Draft 2012 Budget Proposal 14-X-11.doc

Status: Completed

3.6. Snacks

Chris Jimmerson

Status: Completed

3.7. Pre-Congregational Meeting Planning

Chris Jimmerson

We had some discussion about encouraging a culture of generosity.

Regarding FAMP dissolution:

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Rose Ann agreed to prepare some documentation outlining how parts of the FAMP have been incorporated into other parts of governing documents.

We need to do some Education at the Cong Meeting.

Klondike reminded us that PBG is about:

- Clarity of Mission
- Clarity of Roles / Accountability
- Clarity of Measures of Success

We decided to add one more thing to the Cong Meeting Agenda:

"State of the Governance Transition" (Brendan)

Report:

Documents:

- Proposed Fall Congr. Meeting Agenda.pdf

Status: Completed

3.8. Directors & Officers Insurance

Sean Hale

Sean provided an affirmation for the Board of Trustees (attached) regarding suitability for D&O insurance.

Unanimous Approval of the affirmation document (attached).

Report:

Documents:

- D and O renewal Qs IX-11.doc

Status: Completed

3.9. Proposed Fiscal Limitation re Investment Instruments

Rose Ann Reeser

Rose Ann provided some proposed financial limitation policies (attached).

Motion to approve attached proposal 2.6.2 passed. "Fail to operate based on ..."

Rose Ann and Sean will get together to discuss proposal 2.6._ "Invest of hold operating funds..."

Report:

Documents:

- FAMP guidelines incorporated DRAFT2 10-15-11.doc

Status: Completed

3.10. Topic from DBLE

John Franks

John presented information regarding the structure of DBLE (Dwight Brown Leadership Experience).

It's a UU leadership Boot Camp! From 7am to 10pm.

John will provide the documents and we will attach them.

Report:

Status: Completed

Susan Thomson

3.11. Proposed Wording for Moral Ownership

Susan provided some proposed language regarding Moral Ownership (attached).

Motion was approved to adopt the proposed language approved with the modification " ..our church, our denomination and the surrounding community."

Report:

Documents:

- Moral Ownership FUUCA.doc

Status: Completed

3.12. Discuss 'Almost Church Revitalized'

Margaret Borden

Board was asked to read in advance a selection from "Almost Church Revitalized" (attached)

The board engaged in a discussion about the items raised in the chapter "A Public or Private Church". The Chapter was found to be exciting, challenging, engaging.

If we look at our budget, we are clearly not giving as much away as the book implores. This is a challenge/opportunity for us.

"I want to be a part of a public church, and I hope this is the one"

Documents:

- oct18reading.pdf

Status: Completed

4. Committee business

4.1. Work Group Reports

Chris Jimmerson

Policy Committee:

- Brendan (Secretary) now has ownership of the policy document

Linkage:

- We have notes from the September Social Justice FUUCafe
- Plan to come back to Nov with report
- Will need to produce a plan for the rest of the year, want to continue with FUUCafes.

Monitoring:

- Nothing this month.

Status: Completed

4.2. Process Evaluation

Rose Ann Reeser

Rose Ann reported that we did an excellent job following our process

Status: Completed

4.3. Action Items

Brendan Sterne

- Linkage Group: Provide some proposed language for re-wording our Ends on Radical Hospitality
- Brendan: Board Procedure re-wording
- Sean & Rose Ann: Financial Limitation re-wording

Status: Completed

4.4. Board-Executive Team Covenant Reading

Brendan Sterne

Status: Completed
