

FUUCA Board of Trustees

Meeting date: **Tuesday, April 17, 2012** **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, Ann Edwards, Luther Elmore, John Franks, Sean Hale, Chris Jimmerson, Rose Ann Reeser, Klondike Steadman, Brendan Sterne, Eric Stimmel, Susan Thomson

Regrets: Eric Hepburn

Absent:

Late:

Guests:

(none)

Meeting Documents:

- BoT4-12Materials.pdf

Meeting Minutes:

1. Committee business

1.1. Chalice Lighting and Opening Words

Chris Jimmerson

Status: Completed

1.2. Reading of Board Covenant

Chris Jimmerson

Documents:

- boardcovenant.pdf

Status: Completed

1.3. Confirm Timekeeper and Process Evaluator

Chris Jimmerson

Documents:

- MeetingPrep-ProcessGuide-3.doc.pdf

Status: Completed

1.4. Approve Agenda and Consent Agenda

Brendan Sterne

Board approved unanimously

Documents:

- DoFO report IV-12.doc
- Feb 2012 F Report Coversheet 6-IV-12.doc
- feb 2012 financial report 6-IV-12.xls

Status: Completed

1.4.1. Approve March Minutes

Chris Jimmerson

Documents:

- Minutes_3-20-2012.pdf

Status: Completed

1.4.2. Approve Feb & Mar Financial Reports

Chris Jimmerson

Status: Completed

1.5. Visitors Forum

Chris Jimmerson

Status: Completed

1.6. Recognition of Church Volunteers and Staff

Brendan Sterne

The board recognized the following for their outstanding contributions to the church:

- Mary Jane Ford
- Don Smith

Status: Completed

1.7. Moment with Meg

Brendan Sterne

Meg discussed her hopes for the stewardship campaign. She asked the board what they thought about the idea of giving away all of the Sunday plate collection - every Sunday. To which a board member asked 'every Sunday?' 'Yes - every damn Sunday'. That should be the campaign slogan.

She also discussed that the first service has only half the attendance of the second service.

Status: Completed

2. Old business

No Old business

3. New business

3.1. Congregational Meeting Discussion

Chris Jimmerson

There was a brief pre-congregational meeting this past Sunday. Agenda was the board and nominating committee nominating and voting process.

Status: Completed

3.2. May PBG Training

Chris Jimmerson

There is a PBG training for nominating committee, present and future board members (and other leaders):

Friday May 4: 5:00pm dinner, 6pm - 9pm workshop

Sat May 5: 8:30 breakfast, 9am - 4pm workshop

Status: Completed

3.3. Assessing the Past (Monitoring)

Chris Jimmerson

Status: Completed

3.3.1. Interpretation and Monitoring of Ends 1.4.2 "Nourishes Souls and Transforms Lives"

Meg Barnhouse

Margaret had some comments about the interpretation of "Providing worship, programs, and activities that awaken meaning and transcendence". She suggested more focus on 'spiritual maturity'. There was a lively discussion about spiritual maturity, transcendent experiences - and their variety. The board noted that the primary measures involve the congregational survey.

Susan raised some questions about the measures and monitoring. As we go through this process we

need to learn together how to interpret the results of the survey.
The board unanimously approved the interpretations.

Documents:

- ends interp engaging IV-12.doc

Status: Completed

3.3.2. Retiring the Bridge Builder Action Plan

Susan Thomson

With regard to the Bridge Builder Action Plan, each of the following items are now either:

- Completed
- Delegated to the Sr Minister
- No longer applicable

Margaret volunteered to do a first draft evaluation of the status of each item in the action plan. Each item will explicitly be addressed. Brendan, Meg, Rose-Ann and Chris volunteered to assist Margaret.

Documents:

- BridgeBuildersActionPlan.doc

Status: Completed

3.4. Snacks

Brendan Sterne

Satisfactory snacks were provided by our humble secretary.

Status: Completed

3.5. Learning and Creating the Future

Chris Jimmerson

Status: Completed

3.5.1. Focus Topic: Almost Church Revitalized, Chapter 6

Margaret Borden

The chapter is "Making the Annual Pledge Drive Obsolete".

There was a lively discussion about the ideas in the chapter, such as:

- Giving levels of 5 - 10 %
- Methods for giving multi-year pledges that grow each year (as desired by the giver)
- Making the stewardship campaign easier for those who give year after year
- Making the stewardship campaign a year-round, lower-intensity activity
- The ideas in the chapter about focusing on a simpler life, and the concept of 'enoughness'
- The role of the board with regard to stewardship. Including: leading by example, having courage, talking about finances, working to establish and articulate the mission and ends, be willing to try out new ideas, be non-anxious.

Status: Completed

3.5.2. GA Delegates and DBLE Candidates Process

Chris Jimmerson

Chris suggested that for GA delegate process: candidates would send Chris an email outlining their interest, and that Meg and Chris would review the information and make recommendations to the board. This might all happen by email.

For DBLE: The proposal is to offer the slots to board trustees and nominated board trustees first. If there are additional slots available they would use the process above.

Status: Completed

4. Committee business

4.1. Action Items

Brendan Sterne

- Margaret to do a first draft status update on the Bridge Builder Action Plan

Status: Completed

4.2. Process Evaluation

Chris Jimmerson

Status: Completed

4.3. Reading of Board - Executive Covenant

Chris Jimmerson

Documents:

- Board Executive Covenant.pdf

Status: Completed

4.4. Extinguishing the Chalice and Closing Words

Chris Jimmerson

Status: Completed
