

UUCF Board of Directors Meeting
11/9/2021

Members Present: Sarah, KC, Rebecca, Katrina, Karen, Wendy, Debbie, Thomas

Absent: Bruce

Minister: Jason Cook

Check in: 7:00pm

Call to Order: 7:08pm

Agenda Item #1: Acknowledgment of Native Land

Sarah invites us to put in Chat any acknowledgment of native land.

Agenda Item #2: Chalice Lighting

Rev. Jason read an open letter from Natalie Briscoe/UUA Southern Region about the struggles we are all going through as a community.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of October 2021 Board minutes

Wendy made a motion to approve minutes; Debbie seconded, no discussion or dissent, motion passed.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of October 2021 Agenda

Katrina made a motion to accept the agenda, Rebecca seconded, no discussion or dissent, motion passed.

Agenda Item #5: Admission of reports to the record

All relevant reports have been received and accepted.

Agenda Item #6: In-person Services

We had about 40 people attending last Sunday's in-person service, with room for more.

Wendy would like to convene a Program Council meeting soon and to do that confirmation of committees, committee heads and members needs to be undertaken. Jason believes that Amy has the most updated list, and Sarah volunteered to work with her to make sure it is current. Then Wendy will be checking to see where everyone stands as far as continuing with their committee participation.

Since we are meeting in person now, it is important that we have consistent greeters. Wendy will confirm with the current greeters if they are willing to continue and will also ask Amy to include a request for greeters in the newsletter, making the assumption we will need new ones.

Covid vaccination verification at service has been minor since most people attending have already confirmed their status.

Wendy will ask Amy if she knows where the name tags are and if not, will go to the building and look for them so we can have them available for the next service.

Minister's Report:

- A. Excess Furniture - Katrina will contact VVA and see what the process is to schedule a pickup of furniture. If it isn't timely or easy, there is money to pay for a company to come and get them. This is an urgent item.
- B. Community Room Cleanup - Jason would like some people who know a lot of our history and would be thoughtful in figuring out what should be kept and what can go. Sarah will contact Mary Botts, Kathy Boon, Paula Spriro and Donnette Guiltanan to see if they would be willing to tackle this project
- C. Signage - Jason suggests a task force to determine what is needed, where it's needed and work with First Christian. Sarah will contact Linda Duarte-Wolf, Mark Umbriaco, Jim Sutherland, Bruce, Sherlan to see if they would be interested.
- D. Memorial Garden - We have funds directed for this that have been unused for years. Mark and Duffy would like to participate but Mark says realistically they wouldn't be able to tackle it for some time. It was agreed to let First Christian know that their request to plant flowers there is okay for now. We have too much going on to address this project at this time.
- E. Custodial Help - Wendy made a motion, Karen seconded to re-hire Anthony our previous custodian to provide Sunday custodial help. After the discussion that followed, it was agreed to let the motion die and give the Personnel committee our recommendation and let them weigh in on it. It is possible that Anthony was paid by the Temple and not us, so this may complicate things. First Christian's custodian is not available and if Anthony is not, we will need to hire someone else since it is not sustainable to have UUCF volunteers do this work.
- F. Set-up Crew - A dedicated crew is needed to set up for Sunday services. Katrina suggests we make these people part of an actual committee under Thomas. Thomas will email everyone who used to help him with the set-up to see if they are still interested. Barry B and Rosie W have volunteered.
- G. Tech Help - We need a back-up for Calvin in the back room in case he is ever unable to provide this complicated, technical service. Jason suggests we have a volunteer or two shadow him and practice running the system once a month. He also believes that it is more successful to identify and ask certain people to volunteer than it is to make a general announcement for volunteers. Sarah will email Juan, Patrick, Darren, Megan M, and others to see if there is interest.

Agenda Item #7: Silent Auction

Wendy would like to make and have people donate gift baskets to be available for auction both through Zoom and in-person at the services on December 5 and December 12.

Agenda Item #8: RE Update

- Teens will be returning for in-person service beginning the first Sunday in December.

- Since vaccinations have been approved for children 5-11, it is expected that they will return by the end of December.
- Katrina gave us a heads-up that we may need to address the CASA congregation's noise level as it may impact RE classes.

Agenda Item #9: New Business, Comments...

- Going forward, Sarah will add an agenda item to allow board member liaisons to report on anything going on with their committees.
- Katrina suggests that we hang our Attendance Requirements/RSVP flyers next to First Christians for new people who may be interested in attending one of our services.
- In lieu of a sermon, there will be two theatrical performances this coming Sunday (November 14). The first offering will be shared between UUCF and Pathways of Hope and Katrina moves to give 100% of the proceeds from the second performance to Pathways of Hope. KC seconds. No discussion, passed unanimously. Sarah will email Bruce and Barry B to let them know that they need to arrange with PofH to take the money.
- Debbie asked for clarification on Chalice Circles. Jason says that sign-ups are going on now for a January start.

Agenda Item #10 Adjournment

Sarah adjourned the meeting at 8:56pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Karen McDaniel