

Oaklandon Unitarian Universalist Church Board Minutes

03/08/2015

Attendees:

Charlotte A. Pontius
Thomas W. Osgood
Sharon L. Sims
Richard K. Meyer
Pat Matthews
Kaye McSpadden
Jan Viehwig – arrived late

Not attending:

Judy Kirkham
Michael Cohen
Jan Viehwig
Peggy Griffith
Linda Rice

Minutes taken by:

Richard Meyer

Richard lit the chalice.

Minutes:

Richard points out that an adjusted copy of the minutes went out so that the information the bank needs to add Tom was in there.

Charlotte moves to approve. Tom seconds. Vote approves.

New Item – Member family in need

A member family has hit a financial snag and is in need of short term financial support.

Pat moves to make a \$300 gift from the benevolence fund. Judy seconds. Vote approves.

Board generally agrees that helping members is a priority above helping abroad. There was some discussion about Social Justice and Benevolence funds needing to be separated, as they have become merged over time.

Financial Report:

No financial report to discuss.

Financial pledge notes should be going out soon. There was some discussion regarding what to include with that. Sherry suggested not including a proposed budget. Charlotte suggested including some mention of financial goals for the year. Sherry will out something together and email the board.

Worship Coordinator:

No coordinator report to discuss.

Sherry, Kaye, Tamara and Gary took care of the books for donation.

Sherry has prepared an initial discussion on worship service for after church today. This is an initial meeting.

Major topic: What to do during the summer. Jan will not be preparing the summer session.

Ideas: Service Sundays. T-shirt. Field trips to other congregations. OnBeing/TED Podcast/discussion.

Social Justice:

Kaye for Share the Plate.

Tom suggests a dedicated collection and not sharing a portion of cash donations.

Kaye suggests the memo on a check could dedicate the funds to StP and that it being a portion of our income is the philosophical difference of StP, though implementation varies between congregations. Attendance fluctuates within our congregation, so we would need to consider that.

Sherry mentions that someone from that organization will be here later to speak.

Designate ½ of the cash/coin/bills, plus any other specifically designated funds (marked envelope or note on check) will go to The Cupboard in Lawrence. Tom will take a check quarterly. We will begin with a 6mo trial period. Tom moves. Pat seconds. Vote approves.

Worship Coordinator (pt2)

Jan is here to give an abbreviated speaker report. Jan will provide a list of speakers needing checks to Tom. Funds remaining mean there are 5 Sundays to fill with free speakers/other. Some ideas were floated.

Buildings and Grounds:

Sherry reports that the elevator inspection is done, but the paperwork needs to go to Homeland Security before we receive a permit.

There is a phone line running to the lift or through the lift to the office. Jan points out that we do have one phone that rings upstairs.

Kaye points out that if someone is the only one in the building and needs it to move things upstairs, they should not ride in the elevator, unless necessary, and instead use the operator panels on the outside.

Suggestion was made to donate the metal bookshelves to Habitat ReStore.
Looking for smaller bookshelf for downstairs.

Other:

No call has been made to the “free financial education” person.

Central Indiana UUs Update:

Sherry reports it will be a good resource for small congregations to pool resources, and that our participation should be a congregational decision.

All Heifer animals have been purchased.

Meeting adjourned - 9:34