

Oaklandon Unitarian Universalist Church
Minutes of the Executive Board
11/12/2015 8:34AM

Attendees:

Thomas W. Osgood
Sharon L. Sims
Richard K. Meyer
Pat Matthews
Judy Kirkham
Linda Rice
Michael Cohen
Charlotte A. Pontius

Not attending:

Peggy Griffith

Minutes taken by:

Richard Meyer

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Charlotte lit the chalice.

Minutes:

Expenses corrected from 3868.96 to 12312.27

Michael moves to approve. Linda seconds. Vote approves corrected Minutes.

Financial Report:

Charlotte provides the financial report.

Income is at 42% for the year.

Expenses account for 32% of the budget. Last month we were at 25%. The difference is that we are starting to hit some of our larger, yearly expenses.

We received a \$500 dividend from Church Mutual.

We received a \$100 restricted-funds donation for Religious Education.

Tom moves to approve. Linda seconds. Vote approves.

Tom's report on the Checking account. Operating Fund does not specify all funds that are restricted. He will go back through and make that distinction.

Richard moves to approve. Linda seconds. Vote approves.

Worship Coordinator:

All is going well.

Social Justice:

Jim will be here today to talk about Family Promise.

Sherry is looking into the Kiva account to reinvest.

Kaye would like to "adopt" another family for Christmas. Family Promise vs Children's Bureau.

We did receive a Thank You letter from the UU Service Committee for our donation to Nepal Relief.

Tom suggests adding more to the Kiva fund. Sherry mentions that 600-700 is donated to Heifer yearly.

Charlotte mentions a possible trip to the Sacred Journeys exhibit at the Children's Museum. First Tuesdays are no charge.

Buildings and Grounds:

Bea is working on a couple items: A meeting with people for stained glass and window frame repair. Michael is interested and hopes to attend. She will also be looking into finding a mason to repair the issues with the stairway behind the stage.

Judy reports that some shingles were lost off of the back wall. Bea will also be tasked with that. We do need to circle back to the structural issues with the back wall.

Sherry met with Mike Fein (sp?) about repairing plaster in the basement. The quote given is \$550. Bea will be collecting other estimates. Judy will have Joe call someone who has done some prior work.

Wood panel painting is complete.

Bea did meet with the service person to inspect the furnaces and they are well.

We have been asked if we recycle. Becky had volunteered to do that, but she has left. Trash comes every couple of weeks for \$25/mo. Adding recycling will be \$15/mo.

Steve V reports that we have some non-functional street lights, including the one in the parking lot itself, which should be covered by Lawrence. Bea will follow up with Lawrence.

The printer is in. Tom reports that there was an issue because it requires a grounded plug and one was not available in the room.

Sherry was the only attendee for the Work Day yesterday.

Other:

Bea did prepare the Order of Service for today.

Our wholesale club membership has been previously discussed to be changed from Sam's to Costco. Sherry and Pat will need to do that in person. The AMEX card requires a higher (\$) level of membership. Pros and Cons were discussed. More information will be gathered.

Dory Thexton was asked regarding a consultant for us. There is a good consultant moving close to us. Sherry suggests we meet with them and possibly have them meet with the church regarding future direction/existence, keeping the building/not, minister/not, etc.

Church Database – Kaye is working toward finalizing it and making great progress. There is a rough draft of a Directory established.

Nominating Committee – 2 members of board plus member of congregation. Sherry looked up what positions will be coming up for election. Last year we elected Tom to fill out second year of Treasurer and Peggy to fill out second year of VP. Pat and Linda were elect to two year terms. This year, President, VP, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, and two at-large positions are up for election. Term restriction for President and VP are two terms. Other officers are three terms. Member at large can server up to six years in mixed terms.

Tom and Judy volunteer.

Sherry mentions that we had previously discussed dropping to a 7 member board. She also suggests an addition to indicate which sets of members are elected in a year.

Tom would like to establish a group to discuss Covenant, possibly leading to a document to bring forward for approval. Tuesday night, sometime in the future was discussed, after this year.

Tom suggests the idea of possibly leaving the hymnals in the pews during theatre productions, whereas they are now collected. They are currently being collected so as to not offend.

Meeting adjourned – 10:06