

FUS Board of Trustees meeting minutes February 26, 2014

Trustees in attendance: Mike Illes, Bruce Nelson, Polly Peterson, Scott Eller, and Sue Tincher

Others in attendance: Rev. David Breeden and Allan Callander (who was elected as a Board member during the course of the meeting)

Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM.

Announcements / Appreciations: Thanks to the Board members who assisted in the Forum discussion on Sunday: Bruce, JD, Scott, & Mike; appreciation for Cirilo's excellent clearing of show on recent Sundays; appreciation for the Chalice Circles, Thanks to Dave Luessler and crew for the coffee hour mini-meals; thanks to Barb Watts for tonight's dinner.

The FUS Board Covenant was reviewed.

Discussion

Treasurer Report: Invoices for maintenance of the heating system were about \$8,000, higher than budgeted for the month but consistent with the amount expected quarterly.

Minister's Report: The contract was signed with Melanie Willett to be the new director of religious education. A speaker for David's April 27 installation update has been secured. Our membership database software is horribly antiquated and needs to be replaced. A Wikipedia page for FUS is being developed.

The facilities task force met informally and is consulting a real estate broker.

Board Business

Motion passed approved the consent agenda:

- Approval of minutes of the 1/22/14 and 2/12/14 Board of Trustees meetings
- Appointment of the facilities task force consisting of Allan Callander, George Hutchinson, Scott Eller, Mike Illes, Leif Carlson, Beth Gohdes, and Will Hegeman

The following new members were recognized: Dawn Knight, Myounghee Hanson, Leila Brammer, Laine Mohnkern, Meg Beekman, Bill Beekman, Dani Ramseth, Greg Ramseth, and Joe Wrzosek. Wendy R. reports FUS membership is now at 391 members!

Motion passed to accept resignation of Heather Morse and appoint Allan Callander as replacement Board of Trustees member until the May Annual Meeting election.

Motion passed that the fee of \$500 for the solar proposal (approved at the Feb. 12 meeting) be taken from the Board reserves fund.

Motion passed to approve the following recipients of 2014 Service Auction proceeds:

- 50% of net proceeds will go to the social justice proposal for to be split as follows:
 - 90% to be dedicated to the FUS/MCTC (Minneapolis Community and Technical College's Students Against Hunger and Homelessness) Connection project.

- 10% to be donated to the nonprofit Religious Institute headquartered in Westport, Connecticut.
- \$5,000 for a technology package consisting of high speed Internet cabling and routers throughout building, a new phone system (VOIP), and new membership database. (Note that this would be in addition to the \$2,000 in the current budget for the Internet cabling.)
- \$1,500 for the Cooks' Committee proposal for new shelving in the kitchen storage area and shelving for microwave ovens.
- Up to \$3,000 for the Building & Grounds proposal for:
 - consultants to inspect the upper auditorium ceiling support structure and roof covering in preparation for an eventual solar installation, and
 - a lighting consultant to prepare a design for the upper auditorium stage & general lighting as well as the new Foundation sculpture.
- For Bid-of-Need, the Social Justice committee need to select between one of their two bid a need proposals:
 - Greater Minnesota Crisis Nursery's infant formula -- \$25 bid to purchase one container of formula, or
 - UUSC Sustainable Recovery in Haiti project-- \$25 bid would pay for one Haitian to attend one day of a trauma resiliency workshop.

Motion passed to authorize \$2,000 (plus shipping) from Board reserve to fund a commemoration chalice to honor Jan Devor's years of service to FUS.

Board members present expressed support for David's request to the FUS Foundation for \$25k to pay for the first year of an assistant minister position.

Task List

Regarding the Jan Devor commemoration chalice:

- Sue will followup with RE committee to create an event to recognize Jan.
- Allan will prepare a check request for the chalice.
- Mike will talk to the Art in the Gallery task team about soliciting funds to reimburse the Board reserves fund for the chalice.

Mike will talk to Seasonal Celebrations committee about their Service Auction proposal, which was substantially modified by the Board before being approved.

Bruce & Allan will identify amendments the FUS Bylaw for the next meeting for Board consideration to propose at the Annual Meeting.

Bruce will begin working with the nominating committee on Board nominations for the Annual meeting. Scott & Allan will run as incumbents, which means not less than two additional nominees will be needed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Nelson, Secretary

Approved by the Board of Trustees 3/26/14