

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Winnipeg
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
February 20, 2018

Present: Jon Cowtan (Pres), Tanya Brothers (VP), Teresa Klostreich (Sec), Paula Wachs (Treas), Lynn Clark (Past Pres), Barbara Fuller, Rev. Meghann Robern (ex-officio)

Guest: Margaret Friesen, from Green Action Committee

Regrets: Ursula Svenne

1. Opening Words - 6:30 pm

2. Check-in

3. Additions and Adoption of Agenda

MOVED: That the Agenda be adopted with the following additions:

Green Action Film, Motions for CUC AGM

Lynn/Paula. Carried.

4. Showing of Film "Generation Zapped " by Green Action Committee

Feedback from the previous showing and the content of the film was discussed with Margaret Friesen, from the Green Action Committee. It was agreed that Margaret would draft a welcome message stating that the church is committed to free and responsible search for truth, to inclusive community and to respectful discussion. Also, that points of view expressed in the film regarding autism are not the position of the church.

5. Review of Minutes of January 16, 2018

MOVED: That the Minutes of January 16, 2018, be approved with the following corrections:

Under 5 (ii) Correct spelling of Paula

Under 6e (i) ACTION: Paula will send the new form for budget requests to the committees; we should have people do it in 2 weeks;

Under 6f, add "parking" to the first sentence:

Under 7d, correct spelling of "approaching"

Barbara/Tanya. Carried.

6. Reports

a) Minister (attached)

b) DLFD (attached)

c) Treasurer: Barbara noted that her questions re the Actual to Budget Statement were not answered. Paula will research and let the board know

d) Cluster Liaisons:

House – Tanya reported an e-mail from Liz Redston informing that Margaret Mooribroek has expressed a desire to step back from her numerous volunteer activities keeping up with the kitchen, laundry, coffee supplies, care of plants and other duties. Tanya will discuss possible ways to carry on the roles Margaret has filled with BUCUP with possible addition to paid staff as well as volunteer time. If a staff position is proposed, the Board could seek to reconvene the Personnel Team. Further discussion will be held at the March Board meeting.

Written reports were received from SMT and Pastoral Care

MOVED: That the Reports be accepted.
Barbara/Lynn, Carried

7. Unfinished Business:

a) CUC Annual Program Contribution:

ACTION: Paula will contact the CUC Office re the amount of the APC for 2018 based on our membership of 207 adult and 10 young adult members, making sure that we are getting a discount for the office space we provide to Joan Carolyn.

b) Credit Card Policy: Discussion of the need for two signatures pre-approving expenditures on a church credit card. It was agreed that this measure is not necessary as use of a credit card would be limited to senior staff and expenses approved by Meghann, and that any misuse could be recovered if required.

ACTION: Paula will circulate the policy as revised by the Finance Committee to the Board, omitting the need for pre-approval, and Board members will review the policy and respond by e-mail.

c) Insurance - Tabled

d) Stewardship - Possible messages/themes for a pledge drive – the CUC five aspirations, Dare to Dream, acknowledgement of volunteer time/sweat equity, (great ideas need willing hands),
Projects for 2018/19 - Visioning; Parking lot completion, heating system.
Date for Congregational Meeting – April 29th is booked, but will be too soon.

Meghann away March 18th; May 6 and May 20th. Date for Congregational Meeting – May 27th

ACTION: Paula will chair pledge drive team. Offers of help were given by Board members and Paula will contact suggested names who might join the team. An initial meeting to be held after church on Feb. 25th.

e) Snow Removal: Jon reported that a quote was obtained and forwarded to the Properties Committee for snow removal before Sunday services.

f) Mission/Vision – Two quotes received for consultants to lead Visioning process were discussed with Rev. Meghann. Board members will review the two quotes and e-mail their choice to Jon as soon as possible.

g) Finance Reporting – Tabled

8. New Business:

a) Western Regional Fall Conference in Winnipeg – October 26 - 28, 2018
Meghann is contacting possible locations nearby for workshop space on Saturday. Tanya will contact Kelvin High School. Westminster Church was also suggested. Meghann's installation will be included in the weekend.

b) Shared Ministry Team Nominations:
Three names were suggested, and Jon will contact.

c) Faith and Sustainability Study: The Board agreed to the request from a Master's candidate to include the congregation of FUUCW in a study on faith and sustainability. Interviews are to be one-on-one with the understanding that opinions shared are not necessarily those of the congregation.

d) Motions for the CUC AGM:

Lynn reported that the motions were discussed after church on Sunday, Feb. 18, with Joan Carolyn, Jon, Tanya, Marjorie Doyle, Esther Klassen, Janet Toews, Gordon Clark. The feedback form will be completed by Lynn and forwarded to the church.

Delegates to CUC AGM: Our Congregation is entitled to 5 delegates who could participate on Friday, May 18th in Hamilton or electronically from Winnipeg. Lynn suggested that the Board aim to appoint our delegates at the March meeting.

9. Next Meeting – March 20, 2018

Snacks – Barbara;
Opening Words – Teresa;
Closing Words - Jon.

10. Adjournment - 9:15 p.m.

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.
Lynn/Paula. Carried.

Attachments:

Minister's Report

DLFD's Report

Financial Statements