

Attending:

Joel Woodman
Lynn Cardiff
Robin LaMonte
John Prohodsky
Rick Davis (Ex Officio)
Monica Jacobson (Ex Officio)

Staff:

Samantha Scales

The meeting was called to order at 4:15

Lynn lit the chalice and provided the centering thoughts.

The Committee discussed the items that should be on the **Consent Agenda** for the November 9 Board meeting:

Procedure for Communicating Board Decisions – Lynn asked John to get copies of the proposed procedure to Board members before the Board meeting.

Procedure for Delegating Board Authority – Lynn asked John to get copies of the proposed procedure to Board members before the Board meeting.

Ordaining Mary Gear: The ordination has already been approved by an email vote of the Board, and will be affirmed on the consent agenda. Rick will notify Mary of the email approval so that the ordination planning can begin.

The Committee discussed **New issues** for the November 9 Board meeting:

Flood and Water Damage Insurance – The Committee noted that this is an issue that should just be handled by either Administration or the Facilities Committees, but lacking leadership on those Committee, the Board will need to approve any proposal. John will research the details of the insurance and report to the Board. This issue will be on the **Report Agenda**.

Board Action – Draft Vision Statement for the Pledge Drive. The Board will review a proposed draft vision statement from the Strategic Planning Committee, for use in the Pledge Drive process.

The Committee discussed financial planning for UUCS. The Committee will suggest that the Board invite Lorna Youngs, Finance Committee chair, to attend the January Board retreat. John will ask the Finance Committee, at its next meeting, the best process to get written questions from the Board to Lorna for this discussion. There was discussion of January 22 for the Board retreat with the Finance Chair. This date works for Executive Committee members.

Joel discussed “rate of return” investing that he would suggest the Board pursue. Joel will put together a paper on that investment idea. Monica noted that the national Unitarian organization has information at UUCEF.org on its national investment organization.

Sam requested that she be notified when meeting dates are changed. She has them posted and needs to update the calendar. Robin will copy her on new dates.

The Committee discussed the Board Covenant process for November retreat. Sam suggested that UUCS staff should be included. Concern was expressed about including the staff. Monica noted that other congregations have this and it’s available on line. After discussion of the concerns, the Committee agreed that the Covenant process will include staff. Rick noted that it was best to enter into Covenant relationships among Board members and between the Board and staff when relationships are going well as they are now. Rick will contact the facilitator to find out the best process for developing the Covenants – all together or separately. There was also discussion about developing a covenant between the Board and the congregation. The Covenant of Good Relations covers many of these issues. The Committee agreed that the Covenants should be adopted as policies of the Board.

The Committee discussed the visibility of the UUCS church sign on the corner of Cordon and center Streets. The current sign is woefully inadequate. It is not visible from the roads. Signage was constrained by signage laws. It was not clear if these laws are still applicable. Rick would like an ad hoc sign committee of Angela, the Communications Team, and others to explore the possibilities of a sign to put up on the UUCS corner. The suggestion is to have a short term sign, not the \$20 - \$30K digital sign. The committee would recommend the ideal placement. There was discussion of who should authorize the Sign Committee. Should the Facilities Team or the Communications Team select the ad hoc committee? Rick will include the sign issue in his report.

Board Action – The Board will authorize the appointment of an ad hoc committee to provide recommendations to the Board on the UUCS church sign.

The Committee discussed the need for a long term landscape plan. Angela is working on this plan, which will come to the Board and eventually the to the congregation.

There was discussion of the history of the UUCS. There is archive information going back to the 1920’s. Monica will look into getting copies of some of this information for the anniversary celebration for the current church location.

There was discussion of the budget process, and the role of the vision in setting budget.

Ricks gave the closing thoughts.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40.