

UUSM Board of Trustees Meeting
January 26, 2016

Attending:

Board Members: Shaun Collins, Conrad Carlen, Paula McCaa, Tom McCune, Katherine Preston-Watson, Francis Prévot, Anne Silver, Connie Spearing,

Absent: Wade Leschyn

Minister: Ben Meyers

Francesca Guido (Operations Group)

Meeting was opened at 7:00

First item: Agenda and previous minutes were approved.

Second item: Reports from the Minister, Treasurer and Operations Group

Minister:

Staff met today. There are a number of people considering membership. The Nominating committee is working on becoming the Development Committee, including making the necessary By-law changes. Members of the committee will have staggered terms. UUSM is looking into doing Social Justice work with the Palo Alto and Redwood congregations.

Operations Group:

Facilities recommends that the 314 parking spaces be “first come, first serve” with the exception of the ones on Santa Inez which are to be reserved for the “less abled.” The Christmas Eve reception and the “Downing of the Browns” were great successes (editor’s note: many thanks to Francesca). Deena McLemore is working on developing a sustaining pledge program. Jeff Mendonca will be here next month to tell us about the project. The Auction has been scheduled for April 30. Jennifer Martin and Karyn Collins will the chairs.

Treasurer:

December was good (the report has been posted to Google docs). The matching program is doing ok and will close the discrepancy in the pledge amount. We definitely need another significant fundraiser before fiscal year end (see OG report). Tom will make a pulpit announcement on Sunday regarding the status of the match.

Short range track for 314: what can we do short term, with volunteer work. In the past visioning work that we have done, there are not quantitative measures. We need quantitative guidance for the Task Force. The programs should drive the buildings, not vice versa.

Third item:

Finance: how to make it this year (Pledge drive, Auction, etc.)? These were addressed in the OG and Treasurer’s report.

Fourth item:

Communicating our vision to the congregations:

Develop an Education Center. OWL and the Youth group are doing very well and there are many opportunities for adult education. Ben suggested that this may be the time to engage a Capital Campaign consultant.

It was moved and seconded that we hire a consultant to lead us through the process of a successful capital campaign beginning with formulating and communicating the vision. Motion carried with one abstention.

Francis will talk to George Swank about how he would be able to work with us at the current stage.

Fifth item:

314 task force and project: The Task Force is working on making the house clean and useable. They need more direction as to how we plan to use the building. We need to refer to the analysis that our RE group did regarding their needs when we were considering the Pilgrim Baptist Church.

Sixth Item:

UUC: there will be a UUSM Committee with a chair from their group. Tom will set up a single account on our books for them. They have to pledge to UUSM Funds that they collect and send in will be posted to their account. If there is any balance left over, it will be carried over to their account for 2016/2017.

The February meeting will be held on February 23, starting 7:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Silver