

Board of Trustees Meeting, January 18, 2017

Minutes submitted by Margaret Willey

Present: Dick Kamischke, Steve Platt, Margaret Willey, Patti Baldus, Charity McMasters, Wayne Johnson

Guest: Jane Horton

Absent: Mary Ackerson, Andy Cawthorn, Chase Gue, Kathy Humphrey

Next scheduled meeting: **February 15, 2016**

Reports

Chair's Comments: Dick's comments centered around the upcoming business of selecting a new leader search team and preparing for the Feb. 26th Community Meeting with BoT elections. Also in the comments: the history project is nearly done and the survey results will be delivered soon. See New Business for results of search team selection, new BoT slate and BoT committee to manage the election, and Phil Koster Award Finalists.

Leader Report: In her final report, Jenny brought up building availability issues for 2017 and also expressed concern that Malea will need help with a heavier work load with Jenny gone. She requested that the BoT help with finding help for Malea in the office during the interim.

Finance: Andy sent out pre-meeting reports for the meeting, including his thoughts about taking the gamble of hiring someone full time and hiring a youth mentor, esp. since we are currently in a good place financially. His email also contained a proposed 2017 budget.

Community Life – Patti's report:

Membership – preparation for the upcoming election includes need for a updated membership form since only members will be able to vote for the new BoT. Kevin and Mark are handling this.

Mark also working on a welcome email to be sent to visitors

Community Compassion and Care - Information about recent deaths. Suggestions to begin thinking about a remembrance event for all the people from our congregation who have died in 2016.

Charter for Compassion – the Febuary Week 3@C3 will be for Every Woman's Place in Muskegon with a focus on items for babies.

Education - See New Business

Communication: We needed once again to clarify what gets put in the Announcement, what goes into the bulletin and what goes in the Calendar.

Charity helped clarify the following policy:

If it is a C3 event or C3 sponsored event, then it can go in the bulletin, announcements, newsletter and calendar.

If it is not a C3 event nor one C3 is not sponsoring, but fits with our values, then it is appropriate to mention it in the newsletter under the section C3 Values In Action, and to put it on the calendar.

During announcements and in the bulletin, we will *not* list the events. However, the announcer can say, and it can be listed in the bulletin to **see the newsletter for C3 Values In Action in the community.**

Outreach – Mary’s report:

Postcards - David is looking into the cost of printing the “I am C3” postcards.

Still a struggle to get information in the GH Tribune. Our next step may be scheduling a meeting to express concern to the Tribune.

Other ongoing business included: Concert Series, Trivia Night, Loving Spoonfuls, T-shirts, Book Club and Muskegon Heights Initiative.

New Outreach Business included: Possible effort to have a Grand Haven based Pride Fest, the LEDA Summit in Muskegon in May, the benefit concert with the Accidentals, Earth Day preparation and a possible weekend with Chris Steadman co-sponsored with Kaufman Institute and perhaps other.

New Business

Margaret will continue to work on the Safe Community Document

An ad-hoc team was selected to run the elections: Margaret, Charity and Wayne

We discussed possible recipients for the Phil Koster Award. Will decide next meeting.

New and old BoT members up for Election were announced – Joan Cook, Mark Smith, Hank Nash, Jane Horton, Dick Kamischke, Andy Cawthorn, Patti Baldus, Margaret Willey. There are 6 openings.

The new Leader Search Team was selected, including 3 BoT members: Kathy H., Charity M., Dick K.; from the Leader Support Team: Leslie N., Mark S., Ellie W.; at large members: David L., Rod Van A., David D., Marianne F.

Wayne and Charity are close to hiring a Youth Mentor; they shared excitement about a candidate who is interested in the position.

