

Board of Trustees Meeting, March 15, 2017

Minutes submitted by Charity McMaster, Margaret Willey

Present: Patti Baldus, Charity McMaster, Wayne Johnson, Andy Cawthon, Kathy Humphrey, Chase Gue, Mark Smith, Jane Horton, Hank Nash, Margaret Willey at 8:30 pm

Guest: Nancy Owens

Absent: Dick Kamischke

Next scheduled meeting: April 19, 2017

Reports

Chair's Comments: Emphasis on new board members and the need to elect new officers and committee chairs.

BoT Election Process: There was some discussion of whether we need to elect board members to be committee chairs. Each board member must be on a committee of their choosing but could the committees elect their own chair from among their members, even if not a board member? Also, bring back the Vice Chair position with intent to groom person for Chairperson in future.

Motion: to elect liaisons to committees and committees elect chairs. Motion seconded and passed.

Slate then became:

Chairperson: Dick Kamischke

Vice Chair: Charity McMaster

Recording Secretary: Margaret Willey

Treasurer: Andy Cawthon

assigned to Finance Committee: Mark Smith

assigned to Outreach Committee: Kathy Humphreys, Jane Horton

assigned to Community Life Committee: Patti Baldus, Hank Nash

Motion to accept the slate postponed until Margaret arrived.

Leader Search Team report: Mark said they are working on the job description; each person has a network of people they know and the team is collecting those addresses to be able to forward a flyer to

pass on to those they would be interested; working on job title as well; working on the flyer to lay out C3 position, values, and Great Lakes region; plan to have a tab on website for applicants to get more information and apply.

Questions from board: Is pastoral care included in job description? Yes. As well as an emphasis on building the community and image through outreach.

Finance: Andy reported expenses are below budget partly because we budgeted for a full time leader starting Jan. and have not hired yet. Marketing and advertising for the leader is also in the budget.

Reiterated that we will be dipping into savings to pay salary for Leader for first year, with intent to grow membership and income as part of that position. Also reported that Jan - Mar income is usually low and then increases as people come back and begin giving again and/or give to make up for time they were gone.

Community Life – Patti reported that Cindy and Tom Abraham are now in Grand Rapids and Tom is at Blodgett; Gwen Howe died on Wednesday, she expressed concern over Joan Cook for whom this is the 3rd loss in a year.

April and May Week 3 at C3 are chosen. April is a new venture through Extended Grace, a community center for people with mental illness or disorders. There have been comments about C3 involvement and support with Extended Grace and Patti expressed concern that may come up again with April choice.

Asked board member to please, if you hear of this, relay the opinion that Momentum (the community center) is like any other external organization we help during Week 3 based on similar values to our own and that is why they were chosen.

The newsletter name has been changed to C3 Weekly Update. And a reminder that here are many independent groups not under CLC that our members instigate and uphold on their own and what a great thing that is, expressive of a vibrant community.

Outreach – Kathy reported

David's C3 Postcard project is coming along.

Upcoming April events: Adopt a Highway, Poetry, Earth Day. Upcoming in June is the Music Camp; Pride event

Patti attended the LEDA workshop

X the novel about Malcom X is the next event like Station 11.

New Business

Motion: accept the BoT officers and committee liaisons slate. Motion seconded and passed.

Snacks for 2 kids programs: Andy proposed they turn in their receipts for a couple weeks and see what they have been spending before adopting into the budget. Karen has never been reimbursed for the snacks she buys; Carley did not know what she could spend for snacks but wants to focus on organic and healthy.

Safety documents: Margaret asked for help figuring out what to keep, use. Do we do training every year? Andy will check with insurance company to see what they recommend.