

Board of Trustees Meeting, May 17, 2017

Minutes submitted by Margaret Willey

Present: Dick Kamischke, Margaret Willey, Patti Baldus, Andy Cawthon, Mark Smith, Hank Nash, Kathy Humphrey, Charity McMasters, Jane Horton, Wayne Johnson

Next scheduled meeting: **June 21, 2016 at 6:30**

Reports

Chair's Comments:

Dick Kamischke announced his resignation as Chair of the BoT

New leader Search Team: (Mark Smith)

Search Team Met on May 16th. Moving along in the process; postings will go out Monday May 22. Ad for new leader will run until June 30th. handle resumes. Mark reiterated that website is important for the search and for networking.

Finance: (Andy Cawthon)

Andy reported a continued small monthly surplus due to no hired leader. Andy also reported a line-item budget as requested by Kathy earlier in the spring.

Community Life Committee (Patti Baldus)

The CLC welcomes Kathy Smith.

- 1.) The Membership Committee is seriously looking for volunteers.
- 2.) Sunday Gathering Team reports that there will be a community memorial on Memorial Day Sunday with the names of members we have lost read aloud.
- 3.) Community Compassion and Care has no current needs. John Soukup has volunteered to be a visitor to hospitals and shut-ins.
- 4.) Charter for Compassion reports that May contributions to the CCD Garden Program are going very well. June and July are TBD. We will be collecting items for Sierra Leone (Papa N'Jai's organization).
- 5.) The Education Committee is very happy with Karley. Karen needs more help in the nursery.

BoT had some discussion about the purpose of the Children's Message. Margaret shared that some are unhappy with the children's message and find it unnecessary. More feedback to come.

- 6.) Communication efforts are going well.

Outreach Committee Report (Jane Horton)

1.) Community Survey

Jane reported that the results of the community survey were available. Dick will look at all the data and do a final report to complete the survey process.

2.) Marketing

Committee is still hoping to find someone to act as a backup for Chase on Sunday morning. Marketing and publicity were discussed, committee will try out a different media approach for one month and see if it improves visibility.

3.) CCD

No report.

4.) Adopt-a-Highway

Summer clean-up window – July 15. Skip Ackerson will run this clean-up session.

5.) Earth Day

At least one new visitor to a gathering resulted from our presence at Earth Day. Banner will now go to Bookman and after to Loutit and Spring Lake Library.

6.) “Poetic Voices of Detroit”

Readings were well-received. David is working on further poetry events, including getting Tyehimba Jess to come to C3.

7. Pride Music Festival

The date is June 11th. Planning and outreach for the event continues.

8.) Great Michigan Read

This year GMR is X: The Novel, cowritten by Ilyasah Shabazz, one of Malcolm X’s daughters and a successful young adult author. Inaugural event in October. Still in planning stages.

Other: LEDA Summit on Racism (May 23), North Ottawa Allies Kitchen Table Conversation (Nancy Owen), David Borzutzky visit (July 23), Holland Pride and GR Pride, Chris Steadman visit (July 30th)

BoT New Business:

Andy shared a proposal to the Board that the Sunday Gathering Team be allowed to occasionally go beyond the \$200 fee for speakers and go as high as \$1000 per speaker 6 times a year. Formal proposal was for an an increased budget of \$15,200 for a 52-week period OR until a new leader is hired. **Motion approved.**

Dick’s formally resigned from the BoT. Board expressed gratitude for his service. Vice-chair Charity McMasters stepped up to replace him.

Hank Nash wants to host a pickle ball get-together for C3 members in the near future the 8th on June 10th at 8:00 am.