

Board of Trustees Meeting, Feb. 21, 2017

Minutes submitted by Margaret Willey

Present: Margaret Willey, Wayne Johnson, Andy Cawthon, Mark Smith, Charity McMasters, Kent Dobson, Jane Horton

Absent: Patti Baldus, Hank Nash

Next scheduled meeting: **March 21, 2018**

Wayne Johnson is leaving the BoT. We wish him well.

Chair's Comments (Charity):

Charity proposed quick reporting from committees so that we can move forward with other older issues/documents that need attention as well as plan our upcoming Annual Membership Celebration.

New Leader Report: (Kent)

Kent presented an idea to create a committee dedicated to responding in a timely manner to events and issues in the US and beyond, such as the recent school shooting in Florida. Kent proposed calling the committee 'Elders for the Future.' This response would be widely shared via Facebook, Weekly Meditation and the C3 Website. The BoT was receptive to this idea.

Kent also suggested that C3 might try 'pop-up' gatherings in other locations—Muskegon and Grand Rapids for starters. These gatherings would happen on Saturday evenings and would mirror the Sunday gatherings.

Kent has two upcoming opportunities to speak as a guest in other faith communities.

Kent and Charity discussed the protocol for the Annual Membership Celebration in conjunction with Membership committee recommendations.

Finance: (Andy)

Andy presented budget info for 2017 and discussed end of year budget factors, including the excellent end of year giving. A 2018 budget was presented. **Motion to BoT to recommend to the community that we approve budget for 2018. Approved.**

Motion for Mark Smith to act as treasurer during the month of March. Approved.

Mark shared a document that listed of roles and responsibilities as related to finance and also a handout for the bulletin to inform the community about ways to donate to C3

Community Life Committee: (Patti via notes)

Membership Committee: the committee shared specifications for the Annual Membership Celebration, including plans for welcoming new members. Mark showed us the new membership packet—it looks amazing.

Sunday Gathering Team: greater effort needed to link speakers and talks for better unity re monthly series.

Compassionate Care: a member has anonymously offered to make soup for those needing TLC.

Charter for Compassion: Week3@C3 will be Gracious Grounds and (tentatively) Community Encompass Urban Farm Program

Education: Mary Crouse has started working with the infants and children.

New Business: Committee discussed need for C3 tasks to be covered by a team rather than one individual. Many tasks currently have no back up person.

Outreach Committee (Jane)

Reports on Women's March, Leda, Earth Day, Pride, Adopt-a-Highway, Music at the Museum

Marketing: the OC recommends the formation of a team to reconsider our use of Wild Apricot, which costs \$90 per month. Shannon McMaster and David Dean will serve on this team along with other volunteers. A task force is also needed to create a Marketing Plan for 2018.

Facebook live update—over 400 people watched the last video of Sunday gathering. The Podcast is also very successful, with 1486 people listening.

Steering Committee report/Lead Visioning Team: (Mark)

This consisted mostly of updates about the Annual Membership Celebration. Rod V. Abbema has created a current list of volunteer activities that C3 members are involved in. Mark presented a list of areas to focus on in 2018.

BoT New Business:.

Motion to approve moving the meeting time back to 6:30. Approved.