

Unity of Greater Hartford

Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2018

In Attendance: Rita MacRae, Agnes Rose, Terry Guzauckas, Scott Harrison, Rev. Christine Boylan, Lee Dittman and Susan Wright

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Opening Prayer: Rev. Christine Boylan

Affirmations of Vision, Mission and Board Statement of Faith

Master Mind Prayer: 6: 40 pm

Old Business:

- **April 2018 minutes and Overnight/Extended Stay Parking Policy** in church unanimously approved via email on April 30, 2018.
- **Paint Night, May 18, 2017** – to date 18 attendees responded
- **Congregation Discussion, May 20, 2018 – Kid’s Church feedback**
Meeting format to include:
 1. Presentation of topic and highlight the partnership with congregation; conversation to discuss how and why we value children; expectations of a kids church; what are the goals of this ministry
 2. Brainstorming – how does a Kids Church look; what does that entail
 3. Vision – Ask congregation to mindfully take this subject into prayer and **perhaps** form a committee of interested individuals to work with Minister to this topic.
 4. June 24th, 12:15 pm Congregation Discussion - continuation of Kid’s Church topic.
- **Spring Clean up – Inside/Outside Day**
Thursday, May 31, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
 1. This will be announced in the upcoming weekly email. Rev. Christine and Scott will direct those helping to clear out Cady Room and Youth Ed Office.
 2. Terry and Susan will work on cutting down 3 dead trees in parking lot area. Date to be determined.
 3. Feasibility of outside plantings –
 - 1) Difficult to do with all areas around church perimeter well mulched by the lawn-care company.
 - 2) Random lawn and surround plantings are not feasible because of lawn care contract.
 - 3) Watering plantings and containers would be subject to time commitment by planters as office staff cannot be responsible for this.
- **Inspired Leadership Campaign – See New Business**
- **Background Check Update** - Several options available. See Minister’s Report. Board agreed that the following groups only must have background checks: Board members, Prayer Chaplains, Hospitality and Youth Ed teachers/assistants.

- **Church Membership Retention:** Congregation consists of 88 members.

Reports:

- **Minister's Report provided by Rev. Christine Boylan**
- **Finance Report provided by Scott Harrison**
No report available – Finance Committee meeting of May 15th cancelled due to inclement weather.
- **Marketing Committee Update**
 1. Rev. Christine and Susan Wright will talk about adding members to Marketing Committee.
 2. Board agreed not to renew church's membership in South Windsor Chamber of Commerce. Susan Wright will contact Chamber about this decision.

New Business:

- **Inspired Leadership Campaign**
Board member are asked to identify 1 to 2 people who could be leaders and to bring those names to the next Board meeting in June.
- **Sacred Service Team Appreciation - Ushers**
Sunday, June 24th during the Sunday Celebration Service
- **Board Training:**
Saturday, July 7th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Agenda to be determined.
- **Board Lead Sunday Service:**
Sunday, June 10th. Rev. Christine provided Order of Service and roles of each Board member. Board members will take their seats on platform throughout the entirety of service for both visibility and ease of participation in service program.
- **Community Bar-B-Que:**
Friday, June 22nd at 5:30 pm. Scott and Deb Giddings can bring grills. Announcements of this event will be ongoing.

Closing Prayer: Scott Harrison

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 pm

Next Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Board of Trustees approved May 2018 minutes on May 23, 2018

Recorded and respectfully submitted

Susan Wright

Secretary, Board of Trustees

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