UUCNH Board Meeting Minutes
1/16/18

Attendance
Ellen, Susie, The Other Don, Jen, Jan, Robyn, Don

Consent Agenda
Previous minutes approved (SW moved, DN seconded) (amend JH to JWH in solar panel discussion)
Liaison Reports approved

Action Items from Previous month
- Job description for event coordinator – SW wrote
- RT reach out to First Church for event coordinating – will do asap, Jen H to supply name
- CAR doc for green sanctuary went to SONA
- Exec committee has reached out to covenantal relations members

Agenda Item – DLFD Search Update
- Job went live today!

Agenda Item – Solar panel discussion
- Jan can’t upload docs but has them for people to look at if they want. He sent out summaries and revised MTV Solar quote. Original proposal more desirable generally. They seem to have best proposal – others don’t make sense if we don’t take donation. Still need 12-month electric bill to complete process
- IB moves to communicate to MTV Solar that UUCNH will move forward but final decision of implementation depends on availability of 300-watt panels and final savings. RT second. All in favor.
- Action items Jan to deliver good news to MTV Solar and Susie let Rebecca Hovermale know.

Agenda Item : CAR document for LDT
- LDT still to identify leadership but not committees. In new governance structure, who’s job is it to help find chairs? Ministry Council or LDT? Ministry Council. Would board still be finders and nominators of covenantal relations – yes. But confirmed by congregation. Do we want to ask LDT to also cover covenantal relations? Right now board will cover. RT moves IB seconded that we accept LDT CAR.

Agenda Item : Fair Housing Motion
- Housing allowance will increase in August by 4% - there is a tax issue around minister housing, nail down record keeping now so ministers can deduct housing allowance. SW
moves that we confirm financial figures as they are for 2017-2018 for minister housing allowance, IB second, all in favor.

**Agenda Item : Inclement Weather Policy**
- Need policy for bad weather – basically during week, if NA school district closes, we close too for the day. For weekend, follow Franklin Park municipal activity. Need to get SONA remote access. If evening groups are meeting it’s up to them to make their own call. Other evening activities, check with church phone or Facebook for status. Put statement on website that for current inclement weather changes to check Facebook. Don to figure out how to remotely change church message. RT will add revisions to doc.
- **Action items** (ES to call Franklin Park)

**Agenda Item : Ministry passing strategic planning to GTF**

**Agenda Item : Covenantal Relations team is now: Mark Swihart, Kurt Kuntz, Lynn Richard**

**Agenda Item : Congregational Meeting moved to Feb 18th**

**Discussion:** Agenda for meeting: what systemic team wants to bring forward from Gardiner method – is it Gerrymandering? Team has draft action plan they’d like to bring to a vote. Will have to vote on covenantal relations team also. Review the end statements (non voting).

**Action Items:** Someone to do food (Ellen and Dawn), someone to check people in (Don and Susie) and tally for quorum, ushers to collect votes (Ivan), proxy forms ready (RT to do 2 weeks before), create and print agenda, SW to get copy of membership list, RT get copy of plan so she can publish prior to meeting.

**Agenda Item : Discuss board huddle**

Discussion – We are not ready to change the composition of the Board Huddle at this time. Board members will make an effort to improve

**New Business**
- Boy Scout who is congregant proposing to change fire pit into real fire pit with seating and table and/or build walkway from lower lot to stairs up to church – we are ok with it
- Need vote for Jewish center share the plate Share the Plate: Jewish family services (they help with refugee settlement)
- Event planner discussion tabled until next month

**Secretary for next time: Jan Hoeter**

**Action Items (copy from above)**
- RT reach out to First Church for event coordinating – will do asap
- RT get copy of systemic change team plan so she can publish prior to meeting.
- Jan to deliver good news to MTV Solar and Susie let Rebecca Hovermale know.
• ES to call Franklin Park about inclement weather policy and getting on ticker on news stations
• For mid-year meeting: Someone to do food (Ellen and Dawn), someone to check people in (Don and Susie) and tally for quorum, ushers to collect votes (Ivan), proxy forms ready (RT to do 2 weeks before), create and print agenda, SW to get copy of membership list
• RT add event planner discussion to next month
• RT add Jewish family services share the plat discussion to next month