

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTSIDE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION
MAY 10, 2017

ATTENDING: Tracy Burrows, Judi Finney, Michael Franzen, Sue Holly, Jill Jackson, Allan Lang, and Jean Mendel. GUESTS: Shannon Day, Rev. Alex Holt [at 8:15], and Alan Mendel.

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m. with chalice lighting and check-in of attendees.

BUILDING FUTURE DISCUSSION: It seems that we are going to be outgrowing this building before long, and we need to start thinking about how to handle this, and whether we should investigate possibilities of renovating or moving as opposed to making this building accessible and/or move to two services at some point to accommodate growth. Allan Lang pointed out that if we move we will lose the cell tower income in our budget, and will likely lose the daycare. Other possibilities could be to find another church that has dwindling membership and wants to share a building. Allan Lang moved that we put together a committee to look into possibilities of what's out there for replacement of the building. Jean seconded the motion. Motion passed, and we can discuss this further at an upcoming meeting.

BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

- ◆ Shannon is going to put together a list for Alan Mendel of those who have unpaid pledges for 2016/17. Reminders have already been sent to those people.
- ◆ Plant sale team said not to include it in next year's budget as it is unclear if they will be continuing. While a great success and much appreciated by the church and community, it's a large undertaking and not sure of its sustainability. Allan pointed out that it is great for the community but it takes 4 times the volunteers of the auction for 1/3 of the auction income, so not the most efficient as a fundraiser and may need to rethink it.
- ◆ \$5,000 bump in pledges so far.
- ◆ We have previously discussed a suggested donation for RE costs for non-members. The RE council is not really supportive of the fee. Jill suggested perhaps a letter be sent as an FYI of the full cost of a child in RE and that donations would be appreciated.
- ◆ Lengthy Board discussion on individual line items in the budget and arrived at a balanced conclusion, with budget ready to present to the congregation.
- ◆ Jean moved that the Board accept the proposed budget to present to the congregation. Jill seconded. Motion passed.

- ◆ Two budget information meetings to be set for the congregation. One will be May 31st at 7pm, and the other (a daytime meeting) will be discussed between Alan Mendel and Shannon to pick a date.

There being no further business, we adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next regular meeting of the Board will be held on May 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at WSUU in the Admin Office.

Sue Holly, Secretary