

Monthly Board Meeting December 18, 2013

Board		Present	Absent
Chair	Kitty Durham-Jones	X	
Past Chair	Beth Jewell	X	
Co-Chair	Phyllis Byard	X	
Treasurer	Judy Kleen	X	
Secretary	Dennis Rankin	X	
	Dan Baer	X	
	James Brown	X	
	David Douglass	X	
	Fujio Hayashi	X	
	Tim Hooks	X	
	Bill Keating	X	
	Nina Lewis	X	
(On Leave)	John McCrystal		X
	Nancy Nehring	X	
	Tom Wheeler		X
Staff			
Sr. Minister	Rev. Mark Belletini	X	
Assoc. Minister	Rev. Eric Meter	X	
DRE	Lane Campbell	X	
Administrator	Brian Hagemann	X	
Guests			
Amy Watson	Tony Skrabak	Ben Iten	
Dick Dawson			

1	Chalice Lighting (Kitty Durham Jones), Centering (Board Reading – David Douglass). Brief check-in with Board members and introduction of any guests present. Meeting started – 7:06
2	Group activity with Amy Watson – “Broken Squares” (This will be part of the Green and Growing kick-off!) This exercise provided the participants a physical means of understanding how cooperation, willingness to change, willingness to be open can affect how we can approach all members of the congregation in sharing in an appreciative ways to help make our Capital Campaign a success. Keep your heart and head in the game. Exercise was followed by constructive discussion of what we learned.
3	Consent agenda – Vote on November meeting minutes. Correction – David Douglass was present at the November meeting (Change made). All approved.
4	Staff reports from Mark, Eric, Lane and Brian. Read beforehand, please. Mark – Been talking with Ben Iten and suggests that the Board supports having Ben perform marriages. A letter is to be drafted to support this effort with the court system. Motion made by Bill Keating with consistent with wording provided by Mark (see Marks report). 2 nd – Dennis Rankin

	<p>All approved.</p> <p>Marion will type the letter to be signed by the executive committee.</p> <p>Mark noted that Eric will be on sabbatical 12/30 through 3/17. Mark will be out of town in February and sometime in early March for a few days.</p> <p>Eric – North and Columbus UU will provide videos of worship services to the Zanesville branch of UU.</p> <p>Lane – All contained in her report</p> <p>Brian – Understand staffing is difficult this time of year – reach out to other members if needed. SWACO is providing a dumpster to handle recyclables (permanently). Roof full replace \$179,945. Singles, gutters/downspouts, and skylight will be repaired. Lawyer is waiving his fee on this issue. Caution – how will this affect the capital campaign – must be careful how this is presented – we still have \$2M goal. Additional repairs must be made outside of these initial repairs. Meeting with the roofing company in early January, 2014.</p>
5	<p>Presentation from Ben Iten re: Campus Ministry. Discussion</p> <p>What is the next step – how to make this a long term presence at OSU. Need physical space and a person to facilitate student relationships. Ben is the person. Space – a beacon to the university that is safe for liberal religion. Funding from the denomination; may have to have UU money backing in the future. This model has been successful in previous attempts that Ben has been involved. Startup cost could range from \$19 – 44k. After the holidays, Ben will provide more information with a team he is building.</p>
6	<p>Finance committee presentation.</p> <p>Pledge rate is lower than last year. See report. Raising money ideas, raffle, gift cards announcing a gift to the church on behalf, rummage sale, early asks for pledges to be made (stewardship to phone congregants to encourage pledge payments).</p>
7	<p>Update on the Green and Growing campaign including approval of the Construction Committee.</p> <p>See Kitty's email on construction committee. Plans for the congregational kickoff which is scheduled for January 16th.</p>
8	<p>Thank You cards and reminders about upcoming dates and the Board calendar. Call for items for Mid-year meeting on February 16, 2014.</p> <p>Steve Whetstone - Lawyer for the roof</p> <p>Amy Watson – Work with the Board on Capital Campaign.</p> <p>Tony McDonald – Holiday music program.</p> <p>Brandon Moss – Holiday music program.</p> <p>Karen Madden – Holiday music program.</p> <p>Ni Yan – Holiday music program (Harpist).</p> <p>Adjourn – 9:30 PM</p>

Upcoming BOARD Events:

No executive committee meeting in January due to Capital Campaign activities.

Board meeting – Wednesday, January 22nd.

Report Submitted by Dennis Rankin, Board Secretary