

WESTSIDE UU CHURCH

Board Meeting Minutes -- March 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Dayna Tooley. A virtual option was available.

Present: Dayna Tooley, Glenda Hood, Michael Muñoz, Melissa Trask, Don Strickland, Dwight Robarts, Dianne Nixon, Kim Hart, Jeff Rodriguez. Also present: Jana Canard, Ridge Dickey, Mary Cretsinger, John Barnes, Cindy Fountain, Stephanie Jeffers, Nicci Kennedy, and Carol Cappa.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Dwight made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded and CARRIED.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. “Exploring the 8th Principle” – Cindy Fountain: Cindy requested that the Board prepare a formal statement expressing their intention to formally explore the 8th Principle with the possibility of later on asking the congregation to vote on whether to adopt the principle. **ACTION:** Dayna asked Cindy to share the information with her so that the Board could discuss it at the April meeting.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Membership – John Barnes: A new member orientation was held recently, more than 15 adults and children were in attendance. At least 17 people have become members since June 2022.
- B. Review of Strategic Plan – Dayna Tooley: No action.
- C. Safe Congregation – Dayna: The current chair has resigned and needs to be replaced. **ACTION:** By email, Kim Hart moved that Caroline Nixon be named chair, and Jane Hardwick and Eric Hart be added to the committee to fill other vacancies. Seconded and CARRIED.

IV. MINISTER’S REPORT – Don

- A. The “Six Sources” classes have been completed, the attendees have asked that the program be extended.

V. DLRE REPORT – Nicci Kennedy

- A. T-shirt orders are being accepted.
- B. Intergenerational Game Night is 5 to 7 March 25.
- C. OWL classes begin in April.
- D. We are struggling to find qualified, skilled childcare workers. Anyone who has any suggestions, please contact Nicci.

VI. CONTINUING BUSINESS

- A. Budget – Dwight Robarts and Finance Committee: Church is running a small surplus through February, and 118 percent of budgeted pledges for the fiscal year have come in. Through the first seven months of the year, expenses for water, gas, and electricity have equaled the entire expense of the previous year. Factors include the temperature extremes and increased use of the building following the release of Covid restrictions.

- B. At current income/expenditure rates, the church has enough cash to last about 24 months. A series of fundraising ideas was presented.
- C. Stewardship Campaign – Tanner Trask: Stewardship Sunday will be April 2. The projected deadline for all pledges to be collected is May 1. The budget for the next fiscal year will need to be ready for the Board to review at the May 9 meeting.

VII. COMMUNICATION TO MEMBERS

- A. Dayna will send a communication announcing that Tanner and Melissa Trask will serve as co-chairs of this year’s Stewardship Campaign. Tanner and Melissa are preparing a separate message promoting the campaign.

Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next meeting: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11.

LINKS

[Worship Team Minutes](#)

[Strategic Plan](#)

[DLRE Report](#)

[Budget Percentage Report](#)

BACK BURNER

Welcoming Statement that specifies our priorities - Worship Team/ Don Strickland - April or by email

1. Providing a home for religious refugees
2. Creating a safe space for fellowship and community
3. Actively working to curb gun violence
4. Demanding justice for LGBTQIA+

AV for Services - April

Musical options for Services - Kim Hart

Review Inventory of Church Assets

Cultural Competency Training

Spring Dedication

Fire Department Boxes