



## Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2017

**Members Present:** Bruce Fielder, Tom Nichols, Markus Lang, Larry Miller, Gerald Schoen, Rosalie Falcon, Keralee Clay, Michael Timcisko

**Members Absent:** none

**Committee Chairs/Members Present:** none

**Guests:** Reverend Nell Newton, April Myers

The Meeting was called to order by President Bruce Fielder at 12:25 pm

### Approval of minutes

The minutes of the August 2017 meeting were approved and accepted.

### Announcements

Gary Biggers has resigned from the Board and his position as Communications Chair and all other tasks he was doing. He will be missed. Richard Fennell has stepped up to take on the tasks of preparing the weekly newsletter and managing our website. Kudos to Richard for doing this on short notice.

The Fellowship is no longer accepting library book donations.

### Reports

The caring committee has sent cards to Joe Paiz, Isabella Thompson, and Michael Timcisko.

The Social Committee and April Myers will plan the Thanksgiving Dinner.

New playground equipment has been purchased and will be installed as available. The Rock Farm will be thanked for their providing climbing boulders by letter and a picture of children using the equipment. Reverend Nell will write the letter.

Bruce Fielder reviewed the financial reports for the end of the first fiscal quarter, June thru August. The Fellowship needs over \$11,000 per month in Plates & Offerings to meet

our budget. The first fiscal quarter is short by \$5,551 in total from the budget. We need to work hard to stick to our budget. August and September are transition months where the Fellowship is paying both Rev Nell's and Rev Addae's salary and benefits. Rev Addae's expenses are done at the end of September.

A Google Drive "cloud" account that has been set up will allow us to share the Fellowship calendar. This service allows users to forward messages to their personal account. All Board members will be provided an email address to the Google account and will be expected to use it. Larry Miller will help coordinate this effort.

The Board voted to approve Rev Nell's UUA retirement plan as stipulated by the national organization. Rosalie Falcon signed the document as Treasurer and Rev Nell was to submit to the UUA office in Boston, MA.

### Unfinished Business

- Purchase of an automated external defibrillator (AED) for the fellowship will be made once funds are available.
- The posting of Safe Zone signs for children was further discussed. Michael Timcisko is researching the many kinds of Safe Zones and will make a report at the next board meeting.

### New business

- Reverend Nell Newton presented a report to the board that summarized her actions since assuming her position as our Settled Minister. She will present this summary at all subsequent Board meetings.
- Bruce Fielder provided a letter that will allow Reverend Newton to visit the Clemmons Unit and meet with inmates who have requested a visit.
- A press release will be made announcing Reverend Newton's new position.
- Bruce will contact HPPR to arrange an interview of Reverend Nell on NPR.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectively submitted by

Gerald Schoen

Secretary

Date of September 15, 2017