

# Board Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2018

**Members Present:** Larry Miller, Gerald Schoen, Keralee Clay, Tom Nichols, Markus Lang, Rosalee Falcon, and Nina Stein, Nell Newton

**Members Absent:** Micheal Timcisko

**Committee Chairs/Members Present:** April Myers

**Guests:** Rolf Habersang

The Meeting was called to order by President Larry Miller at 12:35 pm

## Approval of minutes

The minutes of the August 2018 meeting were approved by a movement from Tom Nichols. The movement was seconded and approved.

## Announcements

We discussed the Mission, Vision, and Congregational Concerns. Board Members need to be more interactive with congregants. We are here for the good of the Fellowship and need to make ourselves more visible to them.

## Reports

*Treasurer's Report* by Rosalee Falcon

- We did not have a negative balance at the end of August. The average August income is \$7783. This August we averaged \$1946 per week. Last year the average was \$1548 per week.
- Karalee Clay motioned that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. The motion was seconded and approved.

## Reverend Newton's Report

- Reverend Newton will be traveling four days in September to discuss development issues.
- We will be celebrating Lay Leadership beginning on September second. A lay person will speak for about five minutes on a particular subject.
- We will have a Sunday Service Team to take offerings and greet people.
- Stewardship will emphasize the financial needs of the Fellowship.
- Staff should not be asked to work outside of assigned work hours.
- To keep this Fellowship as a welcoming congregation, we need to avoid showing any political leanings.
- Request for the Board

1. Please consider the request that we change the Children/Youth Religious Coordinator position to a Director of Religious Education position and expanding the position to include Adult Religious Education as well as Children/Youth. This expansion would eventually require additional working hours each month, but at present it would not be a marked increase in hours.
  2. One reason for this request is that we have had fewer people interested in coordinating Adult Religious Education. Also, it is the trend in our denomination to look at Religious Education/Faith Formation as a life-long process.
- The Director or Religious Education position change will be discussed with the congregation.

## Old Business

- Service announcements will be made by Board Members.
- Board Members need to have purposeful conversations with congregants.
- New Membership class will be on October 13.
- Some people are averse to change with respect to Visioning vs. Administration. As our role is changing we want to discuss what we are doing, why we are doing it and where we are going.
- We want to have input from congregants directly to the Board from 12:15 to 12:30 before Board meetings.

## New Business

- Who oversees committees needs to be established?
- Rolf Habersang will prepare a Visionary Statement for the Stewardship Committee recommending that each Fellowship Member increase their giving by ten percent over last year.
- The Board will produce aspirations for our future Fellowship.

**The Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.**

Respectively submitted by

Gerald Schoen

Secretary

Date October 7, 2018