

Board Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2018

Members Present: Larry Miller, Gerald Schoen, Tom Nichols, Markus Lang, Rosalee Falcon, and Nina Stein, Minnie Venable, Rolf Habersang

Members Absent: Micheal Timcisko

Committee Chairs/Members Present: April Myers

Minister: Nell Newton

Guests:

The Meeting was called to order by President Larry Miller at 12:30 pm

Announcements

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the November 2018 meeting were approved with a change in the spelling of Minnie Venable's name by a movement from Tom Nichols. The movement was seconded and approved.

Reports

Treasurer's Report by Rosalee Falcon

- Our October average income was \$1473 per week. We should be taking in \$3000 per week.
- Pledges now total \$145,000.
- We are looking for a new Finance Committee Chair to start in January.
- A Dropbox will be installed in the Secretary's Office for use in depositing donations from the early service.
- Ushers will be asked to sign a sheet for accountability of funds.

A motion to file the report was made by Rosalee Falcon, seconded and approved.

Stewardship Committee by Rolf Habersang

Pledges are now at \$145,000 up 10% from last year at the same time. We need to let the congregation know this positive news.

We discussed how to encourage members how to contribute more while focusing less on dollars.

We should see what we can do to get members to do more things together.

The Community Building Committee Report by Minnie Venable

The Pot Luck Dinner will be a part of Community Building.

Nina Stein reports that we have volunteer for the Spring Mardi Gras.

Minnie suggests we need to find a way to channel Justice Reform needs our way and we need more coverage of Social Action. Nell suggests we approach other communities about how we can help them.

The Board of Directors will not tell Committees what to do, only provide committees with the top things we hope they will address. Tom made a motion to provide these top things to committees. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Caring Committee Report – Nothing to report

Reverend Newton's Report

- Lydia has commented that we are having difficulty scheduling musicians.
- Larry has heard from congregants that some want silence during the mediation.
- April informed us that volunteers want to do readings during this time.
- A group called “Silent Genius” from Minnesota has requested they stay in our Fellowship on the night of January 18, 2019. This was agreed.
- We should consider periodic video conferences with other boards to learn more about how they handle the job of the board, the job of the minister, etc.
- The Policies and Procedures Manual will be updated in January.

Old Business

- None was discussed.

New Business

- None was discussed.

Open Forum

- Karalee wants us to celebrate success as much has been accomplished since last year.
- Gerald suggested the incoming Board should carefully consider how new members are added to the Board. He feels strongly that Amy Taylor should have been placed on the board.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted by

Gerald Schoen

Secretary

Date December 22, 2018