

Board minutes March 21, 2013

In attendance: Bert Olson, Jim Beebe, Kathryn Wood, Lorraine Olson, Irving Yabroff, Rev. Lisa Wiggins via FaceTime, Rev. Fa Jun

Bert lit the chalice at 7:13, check-in

February meeting minutes approved

1. Finance committee report from Irving on interior expansion (see report on Edie Young's presentation, February minutes). Finance recommendation is to finance with cash gifts only and not loans \*(see report below). Discussion of possible capital campaign. Irving suggests the plan is temporary and may prevent future plans from taking place, if we decide to add on or move to a bigger building. Discussion on how to implement a youth program using current space. One possibility would be a portable classroom in the parking lot or the playground.

Overarching problem is how to attract and retain families as their children grow into pre-teen and teenage years. Fa Jun will explore cost and regulations of temporary classrooms. Bert will look into real estate possibilities.

We will table the proposal from Edy Young while we explore these other avenues for space.

Lisa points out we still need long-range vision planning. Kathryn will contact the suggested team members for a planning committee (see September minutes).

2. Report from nominating committee: Jim Beebe agrees to be nominated for President, Bert to be nominated for the at-large position currently held by Jim (one year remaining), and Jim Stahl for Treasurer, filling the one year remaining. Joe Dadek and Irma Browning for nominating committee. One more position to be filled.

3. By-laws: how the committees relate to the board of Trustees. There is no description in the by-laws of the at-large Board committee member. Jim will write a description for the by-laws, to be voted by the membership. Some committees still not sending informational reports, and Jim will communicate with them about this.

Other business: Lisa asks for delegates to the Regional Assembly in San Jose April 26-28.

Next meeting April 18, 2013 7pm

Meeting adjourned 8:30

\*Finance committee recommendation:

The consensus of the Finance Committee is that, if this project is undertaken, it should be financed by cash gifts alone, without any loans. The reasons for this are:

1. We cannot afford sizable loan payments in our budget and don't anticipate being able to until our membership and pledge base expand considerably.
2. The option of accepting loans with a long interest only payback period, which we have used in the past to avoid having sizable loan payments, is unfair to future congregations who will have to deal with the payback of the principal, and will hamper our long term growth.

If the project is undertaken, there is \$12,000 in an unrestricted endowment fund, some part of which could be used to support the project, with membership approval.