

Board minutes April 18, 2013

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

Bert Olson lit the chalice at 7:05, check-in

March meeting minutes approved.

Annual membership meeting:

Irving Yabroff submitted the budget for Board approval. Jim Beebe will request annual committee reports for the meeting, to be sent to Lorraine Olson. Deadline of May 8 for reports.

Kathryn Wood reports that she has talked to the candidates for the ad hoc committee to address "A Design for Spiritual Experience". JJ Martin and Bonnie George are not available; Lynn Golbetz and Jim Beebe agreed, also prospective member Monica Hege. She still needs to talk to Merritt Benson.

Budget discussion: Rev. Lisa Wiggins recommends continuation of Rev. Fa Jun's contract. Bert points out that other staff contracts to be continued as well: Administrator, RE teachers, musician. Rev. Chris Schriener's speaking contract ends in August. He has chosen to not renew the contract. Staff evaluations ideally to be completed before the May 19 meeting.

Motion: Board requests our minister, Rev. Lisa Wiggins, to stay with us for another year and authorizes Bert Olson to negotiate a contract extension, pending a positive evaluation. Motion approved.

Budget approved.

Jim Beebe offered an amendment to the by-laws to include a job description for Trustee At Large:

"The Trustee At Large shall facilitate bidirectional transfer of information and questions between the Board of Trustees and the congregation's committees and groups."

Approved by the board for submission to the congregation for by-laws at May 19 meeting.

Nominating committee nominations: Joe Dadek, Erma Browning, and another nominee to be posted by April 29 in accordance with the by-laws (20 days before the business meeting). Jim Beebe will remind the nominating committee.

Board approves Joe Dadek and Erma Browning for the Nominating Committee. It was noted that the Board is not required to approve the candidates per the bylaws.

The board has identified a need for more RE rooms. If we are to grow we need to support a dynamic RE program for all ages. An expanded RE program should attract more families with children. Several options are being considered for exploring our building needs:

1. Edy Young's presentation on internal expansion - Bert had an informal talk with her to explain that the Board has not approved funding for the project but asked her to put the project on hold while the Board looks at other options. Other options are for consideration only. No specific Board action will be taken without a full discussion of options with the congregation.
2. Rev. Fa Jun looked at modular classrooms: between \$100 and \$600 per month rental. Permits needed from the city. These would be located in the parking lot that would take up parking space.
3. Bert met with a commercial realtor who specializes in churches to gather pertinent real estate information should that become a viable option. Lisa suggests talking to Reza Javamard, new potential member with real estate experience.
4. Another option is to do nothing.

Bert extinguished the chalice at 8:35