

July 2015 Board Action Report

This report is to inform the congregation about the Board of Trustees/ decisions during the period of June 18, 2015-July 8th, 2015

Board Members are: Deni Ralston, President; Joan Peet, Vice President; Renee Romero, Secretary; Reverend Marge Brown, Kathie Capstack; John Kuyper Jonathan Buth.

PSH Meeting - July 1st 2015

Discerning God's Will: Actions:

- **Enhancement meeting summary-** On October 25th there will be new commitment cards for the congregation and packets for new members.
- **New Loan Modification and payment-** Papers were signed and the lawyer paid. The payment amount for the loan for July is \$1375
- There is road work being planned for 466 near our property. It would be good for the building committee to explore if the preparatory work could be done at the time the road work is being done. Deni is speaking to Albert Peek about this
- **Fundraising Discussion**
The Board felt that 4 main fundraising events (one for each quarter) is enough and will utilize our resources more effectively. All events scheduled until the end of the year will continue and the Board will discuss the Fund raising events for next year once the survey results are in.
- **Amazon Smile** –We have returned a \$41.00 check from Amazon Smile with a letter informing Amazon why the Unity Board of Trustees does not want to participate in their program. The corporation is reported to harm both humans and the environment. They have promoted ISIS materials on their website and attempted to control publication of intellectual materials based on salability.
- **Tithing on PSH discussion-** According to Joanie Spires, in a written communication, we have tithed on the \$39,000 that started the PSH as it was received over time. The issue was readdressed as capital grew with the land campaign. A subsequent Board inquired into Unity Village and received a reply that tithing was not required.” Discussion also focused on when to have this discussion; at a separate meeting or during the Celebration meeting on Oct 25th.
- **Formal decision on special permit** - Rev Marge and Deni spoke to Davis Dinkens and the Wildwood planning office. The suggestion was to wait on resubmitting the special permit until we knew we would be building within a year's time frame.
- **Hold time first week of January for meeting with T. Melzoni-** Will meet with the Board on Jan 6th to discuss the PSH status.

The Baptist church that the Villages may purchase as a recreation center does not meet our location needs

Board Meeting –July 8th, 2015

In Attendance: Deni Ralston, Joan Peet, Renee Romero, Kathie Capstack, Rev Marge Brown, and Jonathan Buth, John Kuyper

The Board has received the resignation letter from Susan Parsel-Armagost. We thank her for all the hard work and contributions she has made to the Board.

Discerning God's Will: Actions:

●**Approval of revised budget-** The budget has been revised once since the beginning of the year to reflect loss of Income from classes. This year, Prosperity I had a 50% drop out rate and all but one person who took Prosperity II were already tithers. Next year we may offer different types of classes to increase participation from the congregation and community

The total income for operating expenses has decreased from 2014 and expenses have increased. PSH contributions have increased which reflects the love offerings from the commitment pledges.

●**Discussion of a reserve account-** We do not need a separate line item account for a reserve fund with the operating budget as per our CPA.

●**Review of the documents for Insurance policy requirements.- Unity of The Villages Policies and Procedures for Safeguarding Youth, Staff and Volunteers.** Modifications were made as appropriate for Unity of the Villages once a Youth/ Teen spiritual, educational program is implemented. This was a requirement from our insurance company.

Everything Guide One had asked for is addressed in these policies. The Board will review some other internal operating policies, before January, that are a part of Safeguarding Youth, but not needed at this time.

Kathie will forward the updated policies as soon as they are available.

●**Meeting times-** Board must allow at least 3 hours for meetings and work to get all done within 2 ½ hours.

●. Board meetings will be on the third Wednesday of the month to accommodate when the financial reports are completed.

It was reiterated that all Board Meetings are **open to all congregants to observe**. Dates of the Board meetings are listed on the monthly calendar.

●The PSH meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8:30am starting in August of this year.

●**Funding for Special Events-** The board discussed the pros and cons of raising money at the Celebration event on Oct 25th by asking the community for “gift certificates.” The purpose of this meeting is a “Celebration” from the beginning of the building campaign. The focus needs to be kept on celebrating our accomplishments and the Board felt it was not appropriate to raise money at this event.

● Board approved the formation of a Men’s Group to meet in the Community Room on Saturday

from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday. The first formation and orientation meeting is August 15, 2015.

●**Contract meeting-** continuing discussion on Rev Marge contract will be at 8:30am on Monday, July 13th.

God's Work in Our Midst: Reports

- **Minister's report** -Rev Marge reported that the Power within You classes on Wednesday night have some people from the community that are not members of Unity. It is good to see our message is getting out. There is good attendance at Monday afternoon and Wednesday night classes. Class instruction will be divided among Rev Marge, Patricia Wagner and Norm Bogart.
- Donna Fraley is building the choir. There are now seven members in the choir. She is doing an excellent job.
- Pastoral care update –Many pastoral visits and calls
- Marketing-No decision yet on pre-movie advertising. Seems many advertisers do not track the results of this type of advertising
- Estoppel and subordination agreements for the landlord's refinancing took an inordinate amount of time
- Claudia Virga has resigned as Greeter team Coordinator.
- Happiness/kriya people gave an \$895.00 donation for June space use.
Memorial service folks minister donated \$200.00
- Bookstore sale went well as did share-a-dish. \$600.00 raised from the booksale.

●**Free furniture update-** Furniture donated by Rev Beth from Unity in Melbourne was not as nice as the furniture from our landlord. Rev Beth was thanked for her donation, and some is being used in the front office.

- **Attendance reports-** Attendance is down for the month of June
- **Abundance reports-**total income for the general fund is about \$3500/week from Sunday donations
- Income and expense report from June is a negative \$1300 in income. Joanie Spires reports a loss of income of \$27,000 in 2015 as compared to 2014 (for January through June). Some of the loss in income is related to less participation at Prosperity Plus and not hosting John Mundy this year. We are still meeting our monthly expenses.

●Payment of \$100.00 will be made to the person cutting the lawn at the PSH property. The money will be paid from the PSH funds.

Respectfully submitted
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