

BOT Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2019

Present: Karen Mayo, Tom Fredenburg, Anne Drewniak, Kelly Mahony, Gary Schroeder, Ann Hoey, Richard Bennett, Michael Leuchtenberger, Ex Officio

Absent: none

Others in Attendance: Lyn Marshall

Meeting commenced at 6:35 pm with Opening Reading by Ann Hoey and Call to Order by Dick Bennett.

Minutes Review: The minutes of November 14, 2018 were reviewed and amended for a spelling error. Karen moved to accept the minutes as amended, Gary seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved as amended. The minutes of December 12, 2018 were also reviewed and amended for a spelling error. Kelly moved to accept the minutes as amended, Tom seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Old Business:

Church Calendar: Michael highlighted the following upcoming events: Family Promise from January 20-27; Games and Chocolate on Friday night; Mystery Match on January 27; and Havenwood service on Thursdays at 2 pm. Michael also directed the Board's attention to the Contemplative Practices webpage, which illustrates our church's role in the support of this activity in the community.

New Business:

Questionnaire Concerning NNE District: Michael explained the background of the survey and discussed the consolidation of the UUA districts into regions and the dissolution of the Northern New England District. The Board discussed the survey and collectively developed responses to each question except the last question. Michael suggested that Ann send the survey to Lea for her input into this question. Ann will send the Board responses to the survey to the NNED.

Review of Ends Statements & Policy:

Statement #4: Our congregation benefits from the exchange of wisdom across diverse life experiences and stages.

Gary moved that we change the wording to "life stages and experiences," Tom seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Statement #5:

Our rich and diverse worship and religious life nurtures, challenges and inspires us to daily practice of our values, lifelong learning, and transformation.

Ann moved that the Board accept the statement as is, Gary seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Ann will make the necessary changes on the website and in other documents.

Operations Update & Feedback:

1. Seasonal activities and events: The revival of the Solstice service has been successful with about 160 people attending. The Christmas Eve services were also well attended and had good volunteer coordination. The Christmas Eve dinner continues to grow in popularity and attracts both individuals and families. New Year's Day games and chocolate went well. The church had good caroling events. The Boys & Girls club event went well under the direction of Peggy Hebert.

2. Heidi is settling in well and Lea is still trying to reduce old responsibilities as she moves into her new role. Heidi's graphic design talent is greatly appreciated.

3. The Leaders' Council was well attended.

4. Trexler study: As Gary noted earlier, there are significant and expensive maintenance issues with the building. The follow-up information was especially helpful for the capital campaign.

5. The door in Room 8/9 has been added. The carpet should be installed before the church hosts Family Promise later this month.

6. OWL is starting again with 17 kids, and the Youth Group has good participation.

The Nested Bowls discussion:

The Board discussed chapters one and two, examining the nature of prophecy and other concepts. The Board should read the rest of the book; discussion will occur at future meetings.

Board Review and Results: Anne concluded that one member felt the agenda was not relevant. There is some diversity of opinion about how we are acting as a Board.

Job Jotters:

All: Continue to read the remaining chapters of *The Nested Bowls*.

Ann: Ask Lea to give feedback on the last question of the survey and then send survey responses to NNED.

Ann: Ann will email Lorraine to update the website regarding the ends statements.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Hoey

Secretary