

Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Church
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 21, 2024

Minutes Submitted by Abby Hutchinson – Secretary
Location: Zoom meeting

Attended:

Hillary Valor
Mary Chimarusti
Brenda Cooper
Sara DaSilva
Kasia Montgomery
Abby Hutchinson
Beth Shively
Courtney Thibodeaux
Jeremy Northum
Karl Mueller

Call to Order: 7:08

Motion to Approve Minutes for June and July Meetings - Passed

Healthy Congregations Team Update:

(From Kasia Montgomery)

- The Healthy Congregations Committee helps conflict with members of the congregation
- They are assessing what makes a healthy congregation proactively
- People should feel welcomed in the congregation
- We want to include more voices from the congregation while working on the mission and vision

- We could plan for time after a Sunday service to talk about the mission and vision

Proposal for Capital Reserve Fund:

- Saving up money for emergencies
- We need to know how much money we need saved for emergencies and how we should get it
- Wants to come together with building and grounds and others committees
- Wants to lead a subcircle and create a plan that is run by the board
- Are thinking about asking Jamie, Mark Smith, Karl Mueller...
- The Stewardship committee will ask the committees for representatives that could talk about this project

Treasurer's Report:

(From Jeremy Northum)

- The church has enough cash in the bank currently
- Jeremy is talking to Jamie about getting new accounting software that better suits their needs

Foundational Trustee Report:

(From Karl Mueller)

- The garden project has been a success
- Mark Smith is planning on getting the TVs installed during the weekend
- Unsure if the roof is leaking, it needs to be looked into
- There's a sinkhole/damage to the parking lot
- We could ask the same person that worked on the garden to give us a quote on the sinkhole repair
- Karl will check to see if the speaker in the family room is fixed yet

Shared Ministry Council Trustee Report:

(From Sara DaSilva)

- The SEE Justice Committee is doing work on mission and vision
- We want to manage the Raise the Paddle donations and how they should be handled

Minister's Report:

(From Reverend Sarah)

- The Young Adult group is going well
- Reverend Sarah started an online guided meditation class
- Google applications could be better for our organization (Slack vs. Google Suite)
- We want information to be accessible to everyone
- The Good Trouble Congregation: A group of churches that work towards supporting voter advocacy
- Maybe Northwoods could join it?

Misc:

- Mary will talk to Greg Mcdonell about the policy of removing board members
- Next month we will review the bylaws
- The Board retreat will be September 6th and 7th during the Friday evening and Saturday morning. 9-1. It will be at Northwoods

Adjourn meeting at 9:35 PM

Next Board of Trustees Meeting - September 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM over Zoom