

BOT Minutes

October 22, 2024

Present: Jimmy Reeves, Mark Gentner, Alyssa Lee, Jeannie Lennon, Fran Strauss, Jo-Ann Skinner, Michael Sheridan, Mike Maiers. On Zoom: Dennis McCauley, Kathy Gillcrist, Scott and Margaret Armstrong

- Chalice Lighting: Rev. Alyssa
- Check-ins
- Reports Approved (Available on Google Drive):
 - Report from Alyssa
 - Statement of Condition and Statement of Activities. Jo Ann Skinner asked what the average pledge is. Mark with check with GLT and get back.
 - Board Minutes from 9/24/2024 meeting
- Committee Liaison Reports:

Jo Ann Skinner, CFM liaison reported that the committee fair will be changed to September. Sunday visitors will be able to sign in on tablets in the future. A congregation member will donate money to pay for the tablets but more money may be needed from the BOT. Changes will be made to the website and calendar. The Welcome Table Organizational Chart needs to be updated. Mark, Michael and Fran will meet to make changes after the election. Jimmy will write a letter to Jo Hart to thank her for working on the website. Jimmy Reeves, MET liaison said that the MET members had a positive response to the tablets. Name tags were discussed and MET members are considering a name tag sleeve.
- Souls to the Polls was a success. There were 70 UUs present. Two visually impaired UUs were able to vote. Some of our older members were happy to participate and get a ride to the Polls.
- Outdoor space: Rob Maiers can get the fencing at cost. He will provide dog eared fencing with tight gaps and deck screws for \$2,271.61. Painting and gate handles are not included. Jimmy Reeves moved to allocate \$3,000 for the fencing. Funds will come out of the Building and Grounds. Approved.

Lighting: This will be a two pronged approach. First branches must be trimmed to allow light from street lights on Spirea and Lake Drive. Afterwards, Ian Belletti, will fix the light at the corner of Dobkin, change the light at Dobkin to shine from dusk to dawn and add 2 lights to shine on the garden and parking lot. Discussion occurred. We do not currently have funds

in the budget for the lights. The BOT passed a measure to appropriate up to \$800 to cut the tree limbs. We hope we can add lights if we win a grant. Gary Barnes will head up the grant committee.

- Jimmy Reeves will continue to try to contact the community police. We want them to do an audit to find out if we have any security issues on our grounds.
- Immediate Past President: We would like to add the position of Immediate Past President to the executive committee. Having the institutional knowledge can be helpful. We will start to think about a change in the by-laws before the next congregational meeting. We need a policy Committee to make recommendations to the by-laws.
- Water fountain: A congregant asked us to install a water fountain outside the restrooms. Fran will ask Rob Maiers for a list of businesses that sell water fountains. She will get estimates for the cost .
- Ordering cards for holidays: Paul Schreiber has the images for the cards. We plan to order 40 packs and the sleeves for 4 images. The cost of the cards will come out of the fundraising budget.
- Planning for Rev Alyssa's Installation: This is a big deal and a major effort. The minister will invite her mentor and at least two other pastors. UUCWNC will pay for a hotel and travel expenses for Alyssa's mentor who will come from Boston. We will pay gas money for Allyssa's other guests from NC. Ministers in Wilmington, UU ministers in NC and the congregation will also be invited. A brunch or dinner is usually offered to the BOT and guests and a reception follows the installation. February is an appropriate time frame. An Installation Committee is needed. Jimmy recommends Thea, Cornelia and Sara as they were on the search committee.
- Rev. Alyssa extinguished the chalice.

We wrote thank you notes to Rob Maiers, Kathy Gillcrisp, the Singletons, Jo Hart, the Miners and Kat Dawson.