

Draft Minutes of SMC Meeting, August 28, 2018

Present: Ann Perrin, Lynn Yates, Don Wages, Barbara Bockner, Jerry Trammel, Rev. Alex and Claire English (Guest)

Minutes from July meeting were approved as written. Barbara will send them to Megan to archive.

Guest Speaker:

Claire English spoke about a proposed process to engage the congregation on identifying shared values. Once the shared values have been established and voted on, work would then begin on a new covenant and subsequently a mission statement. SMC members will review the outline prepared by Claire and discuss further at the next scheduled meeting. Possible dates for a workshop/roundtable discussion with the congregation are Oct. 21 and Oct. 28.

Minister's Conversation:

Rev. Alex spoke about the necessity of "developmental work", with primary goals being to establish shared values, write a new covenant and reframe church history particularly with reference to the period of discord surrounding Audette's departure. He also suggested that SMC members review a new UUA ministerial contract model which can be found on the UUA website.

Rev. Alex noted that the Board decided to delay a vote on the proposed bylaws.

The Board retreat will be held September 29th at the Grandin CoLab. SMC members are invited to attend.

Old Business:

Committee Member Recruitment: One more position on the SMC needs to be filled. Lynn will call one candidate and if that doesn't work out, Barbara will call another.

New Business:

Review of Survey Results:

Don compiled the results of the last congregational survey and those of the prior year into a spreadsheet for comparative purposes. The first year of the survey, there were 82 respondents. This past year only had 58. Unfortunately, the disparity in numbers made it difficult to discern any meaningful trends. The SMC will make an appeal to the congregation for increased participation next year. A short presentation of the results and why it is important to participate may be given prior to the values workshop/roundtable.

The date for the October SMC meeting was changed to Oct. 30.

Dates for future events will be discussed at the next meeting.

Jerry Trammel offered to attend Board meetings in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bockner

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