

## Shared Ministry Committee UUCR

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Present: Betsy Biesenbach, Barbara Bockner, Melanie Ham, Jeanne Larsen, Joan Petrus, Rev. Alex Richardson, Lynn Yates,

Absent: None

1. Chalice lighting and check in.
2. Approval of February Minutes – Approved . Item#2 Ministries Assessment went out on March 19, not LFD survey – corrected.
3. Future Meetings: April 25, May 23, June 27
4. Board Report : Board chose to update the holiday calendar for employees – it is now in line with UUA guidelines. Approved church assistant's job description. Electrical and building funds – we need \$100,000. Considering borrowing against the endowment funds. Our committee will send a message of support to the board. Karen Hager said she is troubled by the low response to the faith development survey. Policy governance group will establish a policy for who is in charge of what.
5. Survey discussion: survey provider is very responsive to our needs. We have 47 responses so far, which is good. In the future, we need more N/A options and more options to leave personal information blank. It also seems a little long. We want compare year-over-year, so we will not cut it just yet. We need to stick with the same survey for at least three years to get good data. We are hoping for 100 people to fill it out. We had laptops and paper copies Sunday, which worked well. Survey was to end April 2, but we will extend it to April 9. We will compile it during the April 25 meeting and write a report to the board. Nancy will e-mail Megan with the new deadline. Lynn will send us results to look over before the meeting. Board will need raw data and what we observe.
6. List of replacements for Joan and & Jeanne – May will be their last meeting. Six names will be submitted to the board.
7. Town Hall Meeting – it went well, though one person was angry because he didn't hear about the time change. This is part of the growing pains of a new process. We will soon have a central calendar, facilitated by the new

software. We will have town halls as part of the services from now on. Having questions coming in after the meeting starts doesn't work. Some people didn't know what the cards were for. We need to announce it the Sunday before to collect questions then and allow on-line submissions and perhaps preview questions. People want a mini power point presentation, and a short presentation from each presenter. Town halls need to get top billing on the website. We will save the question cards for archiving.

## 8. Important dates

2017

Listening Circles Sunday June 11, Thursday June 15 & Sunday June 18

Town Hall October 8th

2018

Town Hall March 18th ,

Listening Circles Sunday April 29, Thursday May 3 & Sunday May 6th,

Town Hall Oct. 7th,

Listening circles Sunday December 2, Thurs Dec. 6, Sunday Dec. 9

9. Listening Circle training and plans - We will have child care. Topic- what do we yearn for and what we are willing to do to get it? We will resurrect the search committee work. We reviewed the process by reading through the script. Our congregation is unusual in doing listening circles, and we should thank participants. We hope to have a sign-up app by that time. Jeanne will send the script out to the committee before the next meeting. Eventually, we will have an open mic session. We hope to have 60 people at the listening circle.

10. Conversation with Rev. Alex - he is appreciative of the committee's work. Minister assessment – we have a standard tool that we've put in place. Board should hold professional ministry in on-going assessment, but we need articulated goals. Our past trauma may have stopped us from having a long-range plan, though we may be at the point at which we can make one. Rev. Alex is pleased that we have 10 or 11 infants coming and going.

11. Capsule Covenant Contest – Upped to 26 words.
12. Other Business - none
13. Extinguishing the Chalice