

Present: Laura Liermann, Dic Schwarz, Laura Anderson, John Lee, Robert Moran

Financial Report

Dick presented a review of current finances which included an income statement for the three months ending June 30. The finances are in ok shape. The pledge payments are behind and contribution from endowment has not been received. Budgeted expenses are lower than previously expected as well. Robert moved and John seconded motion to approve financial report. Motion passed.

CAPAS

CAPAS guest family asylum application submitted before the 1 year mark as legally required. Now, she has to wait 150 days in order to apply for a work permit. So that will take us to December 2023. In the meantime, guest mother is registered for intensive English classes at South Coast Technical College in North Port, FL. The kids have 3 weeks vacation the last week on July (next week) and the two first weeks of August, 2023. Looking for volunteers for outings and recreation for those weeks. Looking hard for housing, hoping to move them by October or November (host family committed for 1 year and in November it will be a year). We can always use drivers, volunteers, and help finding affordable housing.

Contract with Cory Dowdy and solving tech problems

New contract has been signed for support from Cory's business so he is no longer being paid hourly. New computer has been installed in sanctuary and should solve many Sunday morning problems. The old computer will be moved to social hall and set up for Zoom meetings. Cory also set up another computer on the cart for use in porch for meetings.

Support for Tom Deuley and Photo Library

Doug Mattick has volunteered to work with Cory and Tom on the sound board. He has experience and will start next Sunday. Tom has indicated he would like to spend more time photographing services and less on the sound board.

Updates regarding music program

Laura Liermann will contact Ryan Smith. The board collectively is the employer for UUFCC. Since Laura is in the choir, she will coordinate with Ryan. We have been advertising for a music director. We will withdraw the search at this time as Ryan (piano) and Janet (choir) are doing a fabulous job of providing music on Sunday morning.

Landscaping front yard and Audobon resources for native plants

Laura and Dennis met with a representative from Audobon regarding native plants. They have ideas on landscaping. Laura and Don Liermann will provide labor. John will help. There will be a cost of approximately \$500 for materials. Work will be done later in the summer/early fall. Laura A moved and Dick seconded motion to approve expenditure and landscaping. Motion passed.

Town Hall meeting

Lorrie Douglas (representing communications committee) has requested a town hall meeting to discuss flag pole. Comm Comm has several suggestions for location. Fellowship needs to decide on flags and where to to flagpole. As there has been interest in this topic, we suggest holding a meeting in November when more folks are in town.

Southern Region Board training

Laura A will send details to all regarding upcoming training offered by Southern Region staff.

New Chalice

The decorating committee has researched and created new chalices and will rotate different chalices in the sanctuary.

NAACP Report

Submitted by Linda Richardson: Branch 5093-B is continuing to ramp up membership in the 29 Standing Committees. Thanks to all UUs who are active in this work. We still have several committees that need chairs and a few who need members (a minimum of three are required). We will begin posting UU Communications on the Branch 5093-B FaceBook page as a community outreach to support our many UU activities and associated groups. This is an opportunity provided all faith organizations in Charlotte County.

The board suggests this information is shared with Comm Comm and added to Weekly Updates.

Porch is Leaking

Laura Liermann will try to find where leak is in porch.

CHAPS

Herb Levin/John Lee suggested a second Sunday in the near future for this organization. We would like to explore ways to support for the ongoing needs of CHAPS.