

Ministries Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
3:30 PM—Library

Chalice Lighting & Check In: In attendance: Pete Kersey, Marian Wenzel, Cindi Jorgensen, Susan Schmitke

Minister's Report: The Good Reverend had an excused absence today.

Pete Kersey

- **Board Liaison Report:** Our 13th mortgage goal was reached during our Christmas drive. Our holiday season events were well attended. We had 150-170 folks at our New Year's Day Brunch. Thanks to Amy Thoma-Gallo and her crew. Bobbie Kilgore will begin a 2 year internship here starting in July. There will be a request to the endowment committee for \$2500 to cover her travel expenses. The Stewardship Campaign main event will be February 17th. There will be members speaking at preceding services to share why they are committed to UUFVB.
- **Spiritual Growth:** Red cup ambassadors will be chosen on an informal basis every Sunday. Bobbie Kilgore will lead the service on January 29th. Bonnie Pendleton is the new chair of music committee, taking over from Sue Nalepa. Millie Mykos has resigned from co-chairing Covenant Groups, which by the way, are extremely successful.

Facilities Council Liaison's Report: It is noted and appreciated that the FC has been very frugal this year.

Team Reports

- a. Congregational Services: No report this month.
- b. Operations (Marian Wenzel): Communication report from David Kimball indicates an industrious group, including Bonnie Shelton, Joe Hardy, and Heather Lundius, who are keeping a webpage, newsletter, and social media current. The new website has been launched.
- c. Religious Exploration report from Kristin Jolly: Build Your Own Theology will be offered in 10 sessions in the afternoon and evening. Sign up next two Sundays after worship.
- d. Social Activities: No report this month. Most seem to be self-perpetuating, except for Circle Dinners. Cindi will investigate to see who is in charge of dinners.

- e. Social Justice (Susan Schmitke): The MLK parade activities are under the watchful guidance of Dick Haight. All is going well. Sunday Fund nominations are coming up. Members will be asked to nominate groups. UUSC Guest At Your Table continues. \$3400 was collected for Project Ninos. Our Kwanza event was wildly successful with about 20 more attendees than we anticipated. Will need a new coordinator next year Debra West's conversation about race has concluded. The Dialogue for Racism will occur on March 4 - 5 (\$25). Our Earth Day Festivities will be coordinated by Terry Domino (4/23).

Old Business: The "Put you in UU" form with requests for volunteers will be in next week's order of service. Cindi has not talked to Larry Nalepa about a "Meet the Archivist" event but she will.

Next Meeting: February 15

Adjourned at 4:45

