

UCCBA Congregational Meeting ~ May 17, 2015

- I. Call to Order by Gary Schepker, board president, at 12: 33 PM
- II. Opening prayer: Reverend Joyce
- III. Gary Schepker reads the names of the current Nominating Committee members:
 - Rev Joyce, Howard Green (Chairman), Lynda South, Jodi LeMacks
- IV. Reading of the Bylaws (excerpt) by Gary Schepker
- V. Gary Schepker: Asks for nominations from the floor for a member to be selected as the Nominating Committee chairman for next year.
 - a. The following names were given.
 - Howard Green (chairman)
 - Nancy Green (Alternate)
 - b. Vote was taken and Howard Green was confirmed (unanimously) as chairman and Nancy Green was confirmed as the alternate.
- VI. Jodi LeMacks: Reading of the minutes of last year's Congregation Meeting
 - a. Motion was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as read.
- VII. Gary Schepker calls for the following LIA (Love In Action) reports:
 - a. Garden Report given by Ayer Chamberlayne
 - i. Highlights of report include:
 1. Volunteers provide 722 hours of work
 2. Entrance to garden was completed, which expands the promenade
 3. Garden is ready for special events (weddings, etc.)
 4. Signage is on the way to clarify areas of the garden
 5. Plans for additions to the gardens are in progress
 6. Special thanks to Jonathan Felder for his assistance in making it possible for garden team to hose the pollen off of garden for a wedding
 - ~~7. See written report for additional items~~
 - b. Youth & Family Ministries report by Gay Giles
 - i. Highlights include:
 1. Growth in attendance for this year (10%) compared to last year (55%); Uni-Tots grew 40% this year
 2. 70 children attended on a regular basis
 3. Y.O.U. programs and study – Heart Full of Peace; Idiots Guide to the Galaxy
 4. 25 core volunteers (teaching, organizing, special events, chaperones, donations, etc.)
 5. Six different travel events (includes conferences, uni-teen events, NGU function)
 6. Car Wash – fund raiser

7. Community Outreach
 8. For the second consecutive year, we have two members of the Y.O.U. who are serving as the new regional officers for the Eastern Region of Unity Churches.
- c. Treasurer's report by Court Kirkley: See details included in Court's written report.
- i. Highlights include:
 1. Total income: approximately \$637,000
 2. Operating expenses: approximately \$481,712
 3. Use of cash that does not show up as an operating expense
 - a. Mortgage—increased payments to reduce the balance
 4. Reduction in mortgage in 2014: \$200,000
 5. Designated funds (cash stipulated for specific purpose): Example—scholarship fund
 6. Cash reserves increased by \$36,000
 7. Question from the floor: What is other income? Answer: Revenue from Christmas Mother, bookstore sales, general giving to the church. See report on bulletin board for complete listing.
 8. Summary of cash reserves (three months coverage ratio)
 9. Income through April = \$225,308; operating expenses = \$174,592; net operating result = \$45,494
- d. Minister's Report given by Reverend Joyce
- i. Highlights include:
 1. UCCBA was co-host for the Unity Worldwide Ministries Eastern Region Annual Conference-October 2014
 2. Ann Frances, who was with us for 10 months will become the senior minister of Unity of Rochester in six days.
 3. Classical musical concert series
 4. Celebration reception for same sex couples
 5. Same sex marriages
 6. Conversion to the new website as our way of communicating information; offers website weekly news and monthly calendar; thus, distribution of the monthly newsletter was discontinued
 7. Co-sponsor with Bon Secours to fundraise for the Eben Alexander event on June 27, 2015; efforts are in place to promote the event using media blasts, talk show interviews, etc.
 8. New members since May 2014 = 36
 9. New phone system installed and fully functional
 10. Meditation Gardens are now wheelchair accessible at the entrance
 11. Question from the floor regarding plans to acquire a new assistant minister: Rev Joyce says that nothing will occur until after her vacation and that she is working towards teams stepping up and doing more.
- e. Prayer Chaplains' report given by Zita Correll (standing in for Susan Green): See written report submitted by Susan Green for details.
- i. Highlights include:
 1. Number of congregants contacted each month for prayer

2. Number of recorded prayers and affirmations
 3. Number of prayers given at church
 4. Grand total of calls, prayers in person, etc., = 3,952
- f. Prayer Team report by Sandy Farmer
- i. Highlights include:
 1. 71 members on the prayer team
 2. Process for becoming a prayer team member
 3. Length of time prayer requests are prayed for
- g. Love In Action Teams – report given by Mary Curley: ~~See Mary's written report for details.~~
- i. Highlights include:
 1. Love In Action teams are the pulse of the church
 2. Visitors contacted weekly
 3. Number of coffee/refreshments offered after church
 4. Food donated for food bank
- h. Licensed Unity Teacher – report on education classes by Valorie Kay
- i. Highlights include:
 1. Adult education classes such as Prosperity Plus, Live by Prayer, Meditation Practices, Overview of Christian scriptures, Artist's Way
 - a. Note: People who check social media found out about the Artist's Way class and came to church as a result of attending the class
 - b. Three people are doing an art show as a result of the Artist's Way class
 2. Importance of small group connections
 3. By Sept 2016, Unity World Wide will take over Unity Institute
 - a. Valorie Kay – 2nd year on Unity World Wide board as the licensed teacher representing the Eastern Region and the Youth & Family Ministries representative
 4. Summer camp for the children, which is not in the realm of the licensed teacher, is scheduled for the last week in July.
- i. President's report by Gary Schepker: ~~See written report for details~~
- i. Highlights include:
 1. UCCBA as co-host for Eastern Region conference
 2. Expansion of the Meditation Gardens
 3. Support for Youth & Family Ministries
 4. Acknowledgement of Janie Van Ostern and her work with weddings
 - a. Janie Van Ostern expands on wedding information
 - i. 13 weddings have been booked
 - ii. Advertisement of our church as a venue for weddings; becoming known as a wedding venue
 - iii. Special thanks to Ayer and Jonathan for keeping the Meditation Gardens beautiful
 5. Beautification of the church's front year (thanks to Krista, & Rusty)

6. Policy and Procedures manual – thanks to Judy Roskowski
 7. Electric baby grand piano
 8. Acknowledgement and special thanks and gratitude to the trustees of the church—Jane Gordon, Tom Layman and Rusty Rothrock
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- j. Recognition of board members who will no longer serve on the board: presentations given by Rev Joyce and Gary
 - i. Maite Dane
 - ii. Bob Sutherin; not present
 - iii. Lynda Smith; not present (moving to Tennessee)
 - iv. Mo Regulinski (Healthy Living Fair – coordinated 70 volunteers for the fair)
 - k. Special recognition and award given to Gary Schepker by Teena Hucul and Rev Joyce for his service to UCCBA: 2010 to 2015 (outstanding service); 2013-2015 served as board president
 - l. Election results given by Gary Schepker
 - i. New board members are: Zita Correll and Brent Jackson
 - ii. Next highest in votes – Gail Courville
 - m. Open floor for questions and additional information
 - i. Question for Rev Joyce: How do you do such a good job? Joyce responds, “The same way you do.”
 - ii. Picture of new electric baby grand piano is displayed; Rev Joyce provides details on the purchase/procurement of the piano
 - n. Call for adjournment
 - o. Closing prayer by Rev Joyce @ 1:30 PM