UUP Board Minutes for January 11, 2018

Attending: Board members - David Perry, Sharon Davie, Ed Hootstein; Marlene Abel, Mary Bevins, Dean Watson. Ministerial Search Committee members – Ruth Lorain, Ellen Beeler, and Nancy Blake (attended for the first agenda item only)

December 2017 minutes were approved by members via email.

Ministerial Search Committee Report

The Committee expects to choose a candidate from 3-5 final candidates, most likely from the Bay Area. Travel costs will be covered for the candidates. BOT approved the Search Committee's travel budget options. The Committee and BOT agreed the search is for a ½ time minister with the possibility of moving to ¾ time as finances permit. The Committee will recommend a candidate for Board approval by August 18th.

As part of the interview process, Diana Spaulding will arrange opportunities for candidates to preach in "neutral pulpits" in the Petaluma area, rather than at UCC. Prior to search, in order to determine what people want in a new minister, congregants will attend a large group meeting following a service. They can choose to meet in small group discussions and/or individually complete a written survey.

UUP Finances

Linda Conley volunteered to continue serving as Treasurer and also train Marlene Abel and David Perry to use QuickBooks and generate bank deposits. A Finance Committee will consist of Marlene, David Perry and Carol Crabill.

Stewardship

Sharon Davie will bring a draft stewardship plan to the next BOT meeting. Marlene suggested a kick-off catered luncheon following a service. Committee Chairs will make brief presentations followed by congregants meeting in pairs to share positive aspects of UUP and offer suggestions with the large group.

Announcements

- The Beelers volunteered to kick off the Ken Ogren Matching Grant by announcing their generous contribution at the January 14th service.
- Diana Spaulding, David Perry and Sharon Davie are searching for annual retreat locations.
- A BOT retreat will occur on February 3. Discussions will address Rev. Theresa's suggestions to improve UUP programs, BOT procedures, and the creation of a 3-5 year future plan for UUP.
- Future Board meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month from 3:30 5:30 at David Perry's house.
- The next BOT meeting is February 5th at David Perry's house from 3:30 5:30. Topics will include budget creation and stewardship.