Minutes of BOD Meeting of TCUUC: October 18, 2016, 1:00 PM

1. Board President Susan Hemmer called the meeting to order at 1:00. Opening ceremony and check-in by individuals were held.

   In attendance:
   - Susan Hemmer – President
   - Bill Falk, Vice President
   - Dixie Gray – Treasurer
   - Ray Burdett – Secretary
   - Lin Olson – Member at Large
   - Fred Dembowski – Member at Large
   - Paul Johnson – Minister
   - David Gray – Liaison for new building construction

   Absent:
   - Linda Irvin – Member at Large

2. Previous Meeting Minutes:
   - Minutes of September 13, 2016 meeting were approved

3. Building Report: David Gray
   - Building is within budget, and TCUUC will have no debt relative to the new construction when we accept ownership at the dedication in November
   - The carpet in the sanctuary will be replaced at a time when there will be no disruption of scheduled events

4. Minister's Report: Paul Johnson
   - Paul has meet with 31 members of the congregation in "Meet the Minister" small group sessions, and will offer several more meeting times. When completed, he will report to the Board and the congregation what the members have shared concerning their hopes for TCUUC
   - He has met with Ruth and John Fox of the Caring Committee to discuss procedures and challenges. He will meet later with the full committee.
   - He has set up specific dates for "Inquiry Sessions" for newcomers on November 13, December 4, and January 8, after the Sunday services.
   - He suggests offering new members opportunities to sign the membership book on days other than just the new member reception service
   - He will offer a UU history and contemporary identify workshop on Saturday, January 7.
   - He met with the Worship Associates concerning announcements during the Sunday service, and recommends having announcements in written form to be included in the order of worship
   - He has secured a commitment from Scott Alexander, Vero Beach minister, to speak at the dedication service on November 6.
   - He has begun to prepare suggestions for the shared ministry between him and our congregation. He suggests a commitment on his part of 23 Sunday services plus a Christmas Eve service, and 15 days per month of availability – perhaps more during the "season" and less during the summer.
   - He attended the fall meeting of the Florida UU Ministers Association, Oct 11-14

5. Treasurer's Report (Dixie Gray):
    - We are $8000 over budget at this time.
    - One area in which we are exceeding our budget is in paying for website design. Also, we need to decide what additional information we want on the website. There is a church calendar on the website that needs to be kept up to date
    - We are counting on $15,000 in fund raising to help meet our budget.
    - Bill Falk said that he is taking responsibility for fund-raising activities. He mentioned the possibility of a giant garage sale, with profits to go to TCUUC. Paul Johnson mentioned that he is an auctioneer.

6. Committee Reports:
    - Social Responsibility Committee submitted two requests for the Board to consider:
        - **i.** They requested that the Treasure Coast Trans Support Group be permitted to meet at our building twice per month at no cost**. Ray Burdett made a motion that "The Treasure Coast Trans Support Group be permitted to meet twice per month in our building at no cost to them, assuming that they comply with all relevant policies". The motion was seconded by Bill Falk and unanimously approved.**
        - **ii.** They requested that announcements be permitted during the Sunday service, because they believed that this is one of the best ways to inform members of church happenings. **The Board discussed this issue, and decided to bring it to the Worship Associates for their suggestions on how to handle announcements in an efficient and effective manner.**
    - Membership Committee: They requested that we reconsider our membership in the Chamber of Commerce because of conflicts between our UU principles and actions and stands taken by the Chamber. The Board discussed the benefits that we may get from membership in the Chamber versus belonging to an organization that may be counter to our UU principles. Our membership in the Chamber is due December 10. **The Board decided to table this discussion until the November BOD meeting, and Dixie Gray will inform John Page, chair of the Membership Committee, of this.**

7. Old Business:

    - Q Special BOD meeting was held on October 16th concerning the Dedication week activities. The following is a summary:
        - i. Thursday, November 3, 2016, 12:00 -1:00: Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting.
            1. **Fred is coordinating this event**
            2. **BOD are expected to attend**
            3. **Show up at 10:00 AM to assist with set-up and stay afterward to set-up for Friday art show**
            4. Event will be placed on Chamber of Commerce website by Chamber
            5. **Fred will distribute the story to the press**

        - ii. Friday, November 4, 2016, 5:00-7:00 PM: An Evening of Art in the Narthex:
            1. **Dixie is coordinating this event**
            2. A string trio and refreshments have been arranged for the evening
            3. We will utilize our new "art wall" and include exhibitions of art owned by Enid Johnson
            4. 50-100 people are expected
        - iii. Saturday, November 5, 2016: No events scheduled
        - iv. Sunday, November 6, 2016:

1. Regular Sunday service will be held
2. Dedication service will be held from 3:30 – 5:00 PM
    a. **Susan and Paul are coordinating this service**
    b. This will include recognition of the architect, builders, the UU building committee, and the donors
    c. Speakers will include a local government official of Stuart, the President of the UUA, Peter Morales (via video), the Reverend Scott Alexander, the Reverend CJ McGregor
    d. Offering will benefit local charity
    e. Refreshments will be served after the service

8. Next meeting date:
    - November 1, 1:00 PM to check on last minute details for the November Dedication ceremonies.
    - November 15 – regular November Board of Directors meeting

9. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Submitted by Ray Burdett, Secretary of the Board

Action items are indicated in bold font.