

OUUC Board Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2018
OUUC Classroom 3

Board officers present: Don Melnick, President; Fritz Wrede, Vice-President; John Tafajian, Treasurer; and Jim Anest, Secretary.

Members at large present: Wendy Tanner, Sara St Clair, Barry Zickuhr, Christine Parke, Maureen Canny.

Congregational members present: Tiffany Felch, James Trujillo, Jack Jackson, all representing the Ministerial Search Team.

Opening words were shared by Don. We shared brief personal check-ins and read the Board Covenant. We reviewed the agenda.

John and Wendy requested a motion to **update authorized signers for the Vanguard accounts to reflect the new officers;**

These proposals were moved, and approved. **Please find the approved motions at the bottom of the minutes.**

Chris reported on the **upcoming stewardship campaign**. Jeff Goltz was unable to meet with the board due to family needs. The kickoff of the campaign will be September 30. Board members will be asked to pledge, before the September 30 date to provide leadership and impetus to the campaign.

Chris reported on what she and Wendy are thinking about **upcoming linkage meetings**. Several possible topics were discussed.

Wendy requested a motion to authorize the opening of **a checking account for the Ministerial Search Team (MST) at Washington Employee's Credit Union**. This was moved, seconded and approved including authorizing James Trujillo and Jack Jackson, MST co-chairs to be signers on the account. The board also approved the transfer of \$2,000 to the MST for the next phase of the ministerial search process Please see below for the actual motion.

The board authorized Barry and Wendy to consider and **interview various congregational members to participate on the 3-person negotiations team** to establish the contract terms for our new settled minister.

Maureen and Chris agreed to make **recommendations to the board for membership on the Endowment Committee**. The Board will consider their recommendations at our September meeting.

Tiffany, James and Jack spoke with us about the **current progress of the MST**. They are meeting weekly and feel that they are on schedule and making good progress.

- They are scheduling a “Beyond Categorical Thinking” session,
- A congregational survey has been drafted,
- They hope to host an update, with Q and A for interested members of the congregation sometime in August.
- They are working hard to develop a “congregational record”,
- They are planning “cottage meetings” in September or October,
- They are creating a website to manage and publicize their work,
- They are considering daily debriefings with the congregation during candidating week,
- Jack is the MST coordinator for external relations (e.g. the Board) and James is the Coordinator within the MST,
- All three expressed appreciation for the good work done by the previous search team, upon which they can build.

The board discussed Board planning for the upcoming year. We recognized the need to further implement policy governance and to update our policies. Fritz reported on several specific policy changes that he will recommend. The board will review these policies and any recommended changes at our September or October meeting.

John reported that the City of Olympia is in the process of finalizing some rule changes about land use restrictions for churches. Specifically the rules impact how much impervious (or hard) surfaces churches are allowed as a percentage of their total land. What the City is proposing would allow us to complete what we have designed as a full build-out for the site. John further told us that he would attend the Planning Commission public hearing on this and would encourage Warren Dawes and/or Harmon Eaton, Space Committee Co-Chairs, to attend also. There was also discussion about alternatives that would allow us to expand our facility and serve a larger membership.

We agreed to meet at a work session on August 18 from 9 AM until 1 PM at Don’s house. This will be a potluck brunch and we will not have a regular board meeting in August. One topic we agreed to discuss is the question of “Who are the moral owners” of OUUC? Don urged that we begin an extended conversation of the long-term future of OUUC.

Don reported on his virtual participation at GA. The next GA will be in Spokane on June 19-23, 2019.

We approved the consent agenda.

Don shared a closing reading.

July 12, 2018 Motions:

Motion made and approved to update signers for the Vanguard account to add current board officers and to remove retiring officers. Current officers are: Don Melnick, President, Fritz Wrede, Vice President, John Tafejian, Treasurer and Jim Anest, Secretary. Retiring officers are Linda Selsor, President, Wendy Tanner, Treasurer, and Helen Henry, Secretary. Don Melnick moves from Vice President to President.

Motion made and approved to remove retired board officers Alice Curtiss and Michele Hendrickson as signors from Key Bank and add current officers Fritz Wrede, Vice President and Don Melnick, President, as signors.

Motion made and approved to open a checking account at Washington Employee Credit Union for the use of the Ministerial Search team and transfer \$2,000 to the account to cover initial expenditures.