

**Minutes TUCW Board of Trustees**  
**Monday April 8, 2013**

Present: Steve Axthelm, Randy Burnham, Chuck Colletti, Denny Davidoff, Lyn Hamilton, Bobbie Herman, Michele Garvey, Kristen Leddy, Sal Mollica, Ken Vogel, Ted Yang

Absent: Frank Hall, Ed Thompson

Staff: Mary Collins, John Carroll

Participants:

COM – Elaine McMillan, Mary Elizabeth Peterson, John Hooper

UP THE HILL GANG – Dan Valentine

NOMINATING & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMNT COMMITTEE – Elena Rockman-Blake

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Art Ulrich

Observers: Howard Aibel, Laura Steinbrecher, Janet Luongo

Meeting called to order by Chuck Colletti at 7:32 PM

Meeting began with check-in.

Observers: No comments

Approval 04/01 EC minutes : Moved Leddy, Second Herman. Passed.

President's Report: Colletti began his report with thanks to the YRSC for their work on the Frank 'n Fun events and the introduction of the canvass for pledges to the 2014 operating budget. He suggested that the congregation's vision statement be added to the website which Axthelm volunteered to take care of.

NLDC report: Rockman-Blake reported that the slate for the June 9 annual meeting is completed save for one slot on the NLDC. The three BOT members who are eligible for re-election have agreed to be nominated. Only Kristen Leddy is ineligible so there is one open seat to be filled. The NLDC had difficulty interpreting the bylaws in the matter of constructing a slate with exactly the number of open seats on the BOT and standing committees versus nominating all people who qualified and, in this regard, Colletti read an e-mail communication sent to him by Charles Klein. After discussion, Davidoff volunteered to pull

together a meeting which would include members of the NLDC as well as Yang, Mollica, Burnham, all of whom have served on the Constitution Task Force as well as Elaine McMillan.

Delegates to Metro District Annual Meeting and GA: Davidoff moved, Garvey second: **Elect as 2013 delegates Linda Hudson, Randy Burnham, John Hooper, Elaine McMillan, Denny Davidoff, Rainy Broomfield, Cheryl Paul and Laura Steinbrecher.** Passed. The Clerk will send in the certification form. GA delegates will be elected at the May meeting. To date there are six members of the congregation who have expressed intention to attend GA in Louisville: Randy Burnham, Laura Steinbrecher, John Hooper, Gail Pesyna, Elaine McMillan and Denny Davidoff. (TUCW can have up to ten delegates.)

Treasurer's Report: Vogel reported that income is ahead and expenses are behind so all is good.

Sheila Lane: Ulrich and Vogel presented a written Sheila Lane Refinance Proposal which elicited a great deal of questions and robust discussion. Burnham moved, Hamilton second: **Motion that the BOT affirms in principle the Sheila Lane Refinance Proposal presented by Ulrich and Vogel on April 8, 2013 and requests that a subgroup consisting of Ulrich, Vogel, Mollica and Colletti work with the bank to negotiate the best possible refinance terms and bring the ramifications of this negotiating process back to the BOT with all due dispatch.** Passed.

TF on Elderly/Disabled Access: Herman announced a new name for the task force – Up the Hill Gang and said she is working with Chris Place, Jim Malone, Jim Cooper, Sal Mollica, Carol Goddard and Dan Valentine who was present. Her presentation included a detailed drawing by Valentine showing how the present access by car could be modified to insure safer driving and drop-off conditions at an approximate cost of \$4800, further information about an electric shuttle and a shed to house it, and photos, specs and ballpark pricing for a lift to aid people with handicaps. The trustees expressed gratitude for this work and encouraged Herman to work with her volunteers to create a specific proposal for the May meeting which includes ideas for how the shuttle could be staffed.

Interim Minister Search Committee: Leddy gave a brief overview of the tight schedule and variety of tasks the search committee will be dealing with between April 23 and May 3. She advised the BOT that a vote to affirm the Interim Minister's contract would be required on or about May 5. The trustees agreed to

conduct this vote by e-mail. Axthelm asked if the information packet about the chosen IM would be available and Leddy responded in the affirmative.

Committee on Ministries: Mary Elizabeth Peterson read a detailed report which included findings and recommendations regarding Safety, Management and Fellowship issues. The COM has completed assessments of two ministerial areas, Membership and Religious Education. BOT general response was enthusiastic and responsive to the suggestions. Colletti advocated for immediate action regarding the need for an Emergency Action Plan for the TUCW Campus to provide communication equipment, staffing and protocols between the church office and the Meeting House. Several suggestions were offered which will be studied and coordinated by John Carroll.

Ministerial Transition Committee: Garvey moved that the BOT go into executive session to discuss sensitive issues raised in Transition Committee meetings. Yang seconded and the motion passed.

Process Observations: Vogel offered constructive criticisms.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Taft Davidoff, Clerk