

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
March 15, 2016

Trustees present: M Garvey, K Vogel, MJ Cross, A Khanna, KC Senie, L Shannon, J Turmelle, H Aibel, S Axthelm, Rev, J Morehouse (ex-officio)
Guests: C Colletti (B&G), Rev. E Thompson

Meeting called to order at 6:40. KC Senie opened the meeting with a reading from the Rev. Mark Morrison Read, “The Central Task of the Religious Community. Trustees checked in. No observer comments.

Consent Agenda: **H Aibel, S Axthelm moved to approve– passed unanimously.**

- February Board minutes– approval
- Bank Signatory Resolution – approval
- K. Vogel appointment to the board - Ratification

Other Reports - Informational

- February Financial dashboard – A Khanna
- Vision Task Force report – for review - to discuss at a future meeting
- Senior Minister report – Rev. J Morehouse
- Constitution Revision Task Force update – MJ Cross

B&G Lift Update: C Colletti reviewed status to date. Over the past few years, the Town of Westport has asked for more and different information as the lift approval process has moved along.

Current estimate of the total cost, including installation, is \$87,000 - \$90,000. This includes contingency costs built in for the installation. The maximum budget communicated to the Congregation at the June 2015 Annual Meeting was \$92,000.

Going forward plan: architect drawings require further revisions; once they are accepted by B&G, the project will be put out for construction bids, after which a better estimate of the total project cost can be done.

S Axthelm / MJ Cross moved to table the conversation for one month. Passed unanimously.

Executive Session: L Shannon, H Aibel moved to go into executive session. Passed unanimously. S Axthelm, MJ Cross moved to go out of executive session. Passed unanimously.

Communications:

Upcoming Soundings articles:

April – B&G spring into summer and beyond;

May – The Meaning of Membership;

June - Ministry and Governance wrap up (progress toward goals for this year and plans for goals next year).

Upcoming Town Hall schedule:

April 24 – Proposed Constitution Revisions;

May 29 – Pre-Annual Meeting Budget/finance preview

New Business - none

Old Business: Mission / Vision Task Force, Progress review on 2015-16 Board Goals.

Process Observation: J Turmelle noted we did not start or end on time. Kept on topic. An important and honest Board discussion. Need to decide on trainer for Policy Governance and next steps.

Assignments:

MJ Cross – arrange policies discussion for next board meeting.

H Aibel – discuss with a lawyer the financial liability to TUCW of the Endowment Committee not having D&O insurance and being an independent committee.

L Shannon – draft Talking Points on Board Transitions for communication to congregation leadership.

H Aibel gave closing words. Meeting adjourned at 905.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary-Jane Cross, Board Clerk