

Minutes of the Meeting of the Governing Body  
Evangelical United Church of Christ  
5/9/2011

The meeting of 5/9/2011 opened at 6:00 p.m. with a moment of centering and some imagining.

Members Present:

Janet Rundquist, President	Lori Winter, Servant Team
Ken Ulmer, Finance	Roni Branding, Worship Team
Patty Pelikan, Community Team	Mickey Clarke, Secretariat
Katy Hawker	Paul Mack, People Team

Not Present: Treasure Williams, Erin Schroeder, Lil Lau, Kelly Archer

The Governing Body adopted the recommendation of the In Care Circle to recommend Phiwa Langeni for ordination to the Preparation for Ministry Committee of the St. Louis Association. Katy will accompany Phiwa to her interview later in the week. Janet Rundquist signed a letter affirming our recommendation that will be forwarded to the conference office.

The April minutes will be presented for review at the June meeting.

The GB discussed the Welcome/Leadership table, its placement in the Narthex and what materials should be available. Mickey will continue to work with Lil to accommodate the changes. Discussion also centered around additional training for ushers in the greeting/welcoming function.

The GB discussed a path from the YMCA parking lot, which EUCC uses as overflow parking. Some signage directing people to the church was discussed.

Considerable discussion was held concerning the refurbishment of the Memorial Garden, including a screen, plantings and signage.

Paul Mack will review and update the Safe Church Policy.

The GB reviewed the team leader position description. All team leaders will do a review in July prior to new leadership along with exit interviews. We will ask Sue Schindel to exit interview as well. Katy indicated that there is considerable interest in the pastoral assistant position and that Laura Bardelmeier will be taking the lead in the interview process.

The GB discussed facilities issues. A recent citation from the Webster Groves Fire Marshall will need to be answered. This will require \$6,500 in electrical repairs. Discussion around how to raise the cash for this unbudgeted expense was led by Ken Ulmer. An appeal will be made to the congregation and the expense will need to be approved at a congregational meeting scheduled for June 5.

The Learning Team will need help with tasks for the picnic to be held June 5.

The finance update by Ken Ulmer indicates that we are behind in projected giving. The team will reach out to those who made pledges but are not giving.

The discussion of a name change for the church included the beginnings of a plan for introducing this concept to the congregation. The 'New Name Initiative' will hold some focus group events to discuss reasons for making a change.

There are some parties who have expressed an interest in using the 212 Building. Paul Kachulis and Scott Guerrero will follow up.

The mid-year Congregational meeting will be held on August 7. Janet will begin to plan the agenda and GB input will be forthcoming.

The next meeting will be held on June 13.