**BOARD MINUTES \* September 14, 2020**

Chairman Mark VanEtten called the BHUU Board meeting order @ 11:05 via ZOOM; present were Pat Shifferd, the Judiths, Valerie Rude, Ken Hood and Linda Tollefsrud. Rev Phil Lund and April Nielsen also attended.

**Treas Report:** Genereaux earlier shared monthly reports via email, including a “balance sheet profile” she created to specifically show activities in each fund. Of note are increased balances in “Building & Maintenance” fund due to State Farm reimbursements for window repairs, which eventually will be used. Van Etten commented he’s not received an update on when to expect repairs to begin from Crotteau. Also noted is that pledges seem to be arriving as normal.

**Social Action:** No report coming from that area.

**Banner / report on status** from The Linda’s: Tollefsrud notes the banner will be ready to display within the next week or two, and expects there is sufficient help available to install in place. Board members thank them for their efforts.

**Membership:** Valerie Rude comments that “we could use more help” in this arena.

**Building & Grounds:** No current crisis / issues / additional areas of concern were reported.

**Little Free Library:** Shifferd reports ‘tis “almost installed” – painting has been completed, roofing material is in place, the Shifferds and Tom Gelineau expect to have it in place by next week. \*

Next question will be “How shall it be used?”

**Goals:** Books only? Or as free pantry also? Shifferd comments there is room for both.

**Maintenance:** What type of books should be selected? Will we use this as a proselytizing opp? Suggested that a list of titles be approved by committee; if more are needed than are donated, both books and food staples could be purchased from funds currently budgeted. It was observed that someone will be needed to monitor and stock; Will Tollefsrud has volunteered. Suggested to add hand sanitizer to station.

**Need for Committee:** Board should set general policy, but not every detail –a committee is in order. Publicity needed to make community aware of / Ken Hood offered to take this on. Tollefsrud offered to write up policy guidelines / do we want a stand alone committee?

**MOTION** by Pat Shifferd: that the LFL have a combined use as a “free pantry” as well; second by Tollfesrud / no further discussion came forth / all voted yes / motion passed.

It was determined by consensus that the Board will set general guidelines for use, with an Ad Hoc committee to determine types of books to distribute, choices for food and how to pay for if needed, out of the Social Action budget for now. Van Etten , Tollefsrud, Barisonzi & Hood will serve as the ad hoc committee in developing policy, after which we’ll call for volunteers from the fellowship.

Phil Lund commented that this was a good involvement with our community.

**Program:** Barisonzi pointed out that we have a full plate when it comes to fellowship decisions needed on both the “Mission/Vision/Values/ Action” topic, and specific projects (building relations w/ other congregations and maxing use of our building), until after we have the decisions needed on re-organizing our committees. As a “committee of one” on program planning, she suggested that we save the discussion of” M.V.V.&A” for the Nov 22nd meeting, and use our In-Gathering meeting to discuss Shifferd’s suggestions for committee re-organizaton with the full membership. More discussion of what we’re going to do about “M.V.V.& A.” is needed *after* decisions are made on the committee structure. Van Etten noted he felt the comments made in connection with BALANCE needed between spiritual and action efforts was an important one.

**New Committee Structure:** Linda Tollefsrud moved to adopt the suggestions made by Pat Shifferd in re-organizing committee structures (attached as addendum); seconded by Judy Barisonzi. No further discussion came forth / motion was passed. Ken will publish this now for members to review, and include on the October 4th BHUU service.

Shifferd also suggested that the Vice Chair assignment include serving as liaison to all committees to facilitate transfer of info to the Board. Noted that Zoom may enhance ability of committees to meet without requiring extensive travel.

Phil Lund noted that we were “on the right track” in having more activities members can be involved in without taking on governance of all aspects of a topic, project or even committee membership and that it is important to “find ways to do ministry without the Board having to do it all.” Having VP as connection keeps the work moving and a continuity in getting it done.

There being no other business to come forth, the meeting was concluded, approximately 12:25.

Respectfully submitted,

< Jude Genereaux >

\*Not part of the conversation regarding our Little Library, but as an addendum, Genereaux would like to make record that we are indebted to ***John Rau of Sarona,*** for assembling the Little Library unit for us this past summer, but charged us “nothing” for providing his time & talents. In appreciation, I sent him our THANKS along with a gift card from Kwik Trip for his effort and good will, which I donated and was pleased to do so. – Jude Gx