



UR BOARD MEETING MINUTES 12/22/16
Telephonic

PRESENT

Alex Then (AT), Christopher Naughton (CN), Ed Rosquist (ER), Jim Hutson (JH), Michele Peters (MP), Reverend Paula Mekdeci (RevP), Theresa Cyrus (TC), Valerie Winters (VW)

CN read The Daily Word and RevP led the Board in opening prayer. CN called the telephonic meeting to order at 6:32 pm

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

P&P REVISIONS (RevP, ER): RevP is currently reviewing submissions from AD and JH and ER is making the changes previously discussed at the last couple of Board meetings. The committee is on target to complete P&P revisions for approval at the next Board meeting on January 26, 2017, and submission to the membership for vote on January 29, 2017. The plan is to have a hard copy available for review by the membership prior to January 29, the mechanism of which is not yet decided; notice must be given of the intention to have a vote 10 days before the meeting (By-Laws, Article XI).

BY-LAW CHANGES (CN): (1) Changes to time for submitting applications for Board membership have passed already (2) Changes requiring membership vote for expenditures >\$25K to be amended as follows: No change to expenditures regarding real property; change for expenditures other than real property to be increased to >\$50K as follows:

MOTION proposed by ER, seconded by MP:

Article V, Section 1(G) (4):

“Approve by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of Unity Renaissance present, any expenditure exceeding \$50,000 unless said expenditures have already been approved as part of a larger project. In the case of major projects for expanding or improving the Unity Renaissance facility or property, a membership vote will be taken with a required 2/3 approval before a contract on the project is signed.”

Numbering of the remaining subsections of section G will be modified appropriately.

Article VI, Section 9(A)(1)(e):

“...of real property exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00 and other expenditures exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) in the aggregate shall be presented to the membership at a properly constituted membership meeting for final approval.”

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (SJ had indicated her approval of these changes via earlier email to the Board). These amendments and additions shall be presented to the membership for vote at the annual membership meeting on January 29, 2017, after notice and opportunity to review.

CN will submit agreed-upon amendments via email to the Board members.

NEW BUSINESS

UPGRADE FOR BOOKSTORE POS SYSTEM (VW): VW presented information on new POS software for the Bookstore – “AccuPOS.” Cost was a concern among the Board, particularly the \$109/month “membership” fee for continued use of the software. Initial purchase of \$1,139.00 was already allocated in the Budget, but the monthly fee was not; ER noted that the monthly fee of \$109 would amount to approximately 10-15% of bookstore profits. RevP argued for purchase, noting that (1) use would decrease bookkeeper’s hours (2) Marcia could run the program as its own enterprise and her pay would come out of the bookstore revenue (3) it integrates with QuickBooks which we already possess. RevP likened its use to the way we are using the monthly service fees of Thierry Technology – we may be able to use it less in the future. MP noted contract requires any dispute to be mediated and action taken in Nevada.

VW made a **MOTION**, seconded by TC: ***“To purchase AccuPOS software for an upgrade of the bookstore’s POS system for \$1,139.00 prior to December 31, 2016 after which the price increases, and to sign up for the Platinum Membership Plan costing \$109.00/month, said monthly fees to be taken from bookstore receipts”*** **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Board noted their appreciation for VW’s work on this matter.

SECRETARY’S REPORT (MP/AT)

CN made **MOTION**, seconded by VW: ***to approve December 15, 2016 minutes (MP) with correction.*** **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Secretaries will forward all minutes to Admin Assistant for posting on the board and forwarded to Joyce for inclusion in UR online site

Correspondence : None were discussed
Suggestions: None were discussed

New members: None reported.

MINISTER’S REPORT: (RevP) See separate report. In addition, Rev P notes that the staff was very grateful for the Christmas bonuses approved by the Board.

RevP gave report on Hands United Building Bridges (HUBB): Ecumenical group which discuss issues of the day; they are sponsoring a program, through the “Interfaith Interracial Clergy Group” for reducing gun violence in the January-February time frame, via a “Black and Blue” brunch on January 14, 2017 at noon, which UR will support with its November Miscellaneous tithes.

RevP also requested that the Board send thank you notes to The Hackmanns for their gift as well as others for large contributions to the Capital Campaign.

RevP notes that the Prosperity Plus class brought in \$5,000.00.

ER LEFT THE CONVERSATION AT THIS POINT.

TREASURER’S REPORT: (VW) See separate report sent to Board members via email on December 14, 2016

Miscellaneous Tithe: **MOTION** by CN, seconded by AT: ***to donate November 2016 Miscellaneous tithes to HUBB*** **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 26, 2017 at 6:30 pm

January 2017 meeting with RevP , Board Member CN with AT: Time and place to be determined

Snack: MP Closing Prayer: AD

RevP made closing prayer and meeting was adjourned by CN at 7:40 pm