

UUPCC Board Meeting
Oct. 14, 2016
Minutes

Members Present: Executive Director Roger Bertschausen, Richard Van Duizend, Eric Meter, Eric Cherry, Carol Cook, Anne Greenwood, Morgan McLean, Andrew Weber, Diane Rollert, Rick Irwin, Catie Scudera

Members Absent: Ann Gary, Melody Moberg

Also Present: Amanda DiMiele (Recording)

A meeting of the UUPCC Board was held by Zoom video conferencing on October 14, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 11amCST/noon EST.

1. September Board meeting minutes

September minutes unanimously approved.

2. Chair Report: Van Duizend

Van Duizend shared that he and Sharon Van Duizend accepted an invitation to preach at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Uttica. R. Van Duizend plans to discuss partnership, and S. Van Duizend plans to discuss the International Women's Convocation. The goal is to encourage interest in partnership.

3. Executive Director Report: Bertschausen

Van Duizend asked how ambitious First Unitarian Church of Dallas' fundraising goals are. Bertschausen answered that they are planning a capital campaign with the goal of raising \$10 million, \$100,000 of which would be designated for the Annie Margaret Barr Children's Village (AMBCV). Those funds would go toward supporting a long-time partnership with the AMBCV--hopefully an initial commitment of two decades. This would allow the UUPCC to cease functioning as AMBCV's partner and instead support Dallas in its partnership, which is more in line with the PCC's mission and goals.

Van Duizend wondered if the cost for the new AMBCV building had been scaled back, and Cherry responded that it hadn't. That said, the respective roles of the PCC, the UUA and the UUNEI in supporting the project have been clarified. Bertschausen added that AMBCV is moving forward with preparing the land, the PCC is preparing to send the money we raised with good accountabilities in place, and that the rest is in AMBCV's hands.

Bertschausen and Beth Zemsky hope to offer a seminar at the 2018 UUMA Institute for Excellence in Ministry called "Partnerships Across Borders." At Rollert's prompting, Bertschausen clarified that out of 20 proposals submitted, the UUMA will pick 5. If the proposal is not selected as one of the five, Bertschausen hopes to find alternative platforms for giving the seminar.

4. Treasurer's Report: Irwin

Irwin highlighted several points:

- Assuming that revenues from the annual appeal and memberships pick up in the fourth quarter, the budget should be mostly on track. Currently, income from membership dues is at about 50% of what was projected for the year. Bertschausen reported that we just sent out 300 membership renewals and are getting a good response.
- By the end of the fourth quarter, the PCC will have about \$6,000 in net gain above the May revised budget from travel this year.
- Transition expenses are proving to be very close to what was budgeted.

Bertschausen intends to look into GA expenses for this year, as they were higher than normal. The reception for Cathy Cordes accounts for some but not all of the increased costs. The money for the reception will be reclassified as a fundraising expense.

Van Duizend noted that the PCC has been spending more than it has been taking in for the past few years, and that the Board will need to look into that further for next year.

5. Initiatives:

- **Youth/Young Adult Initiative: Moberg**

Y/YA Initiative Committee now has a full complement of members. They requested that the board develop a charge for the Y/YA Initiative so that the committee is confident that their activities align with UUPCC mission and goals. That is on the agenda for the St. Louis meeting.

- **New Start/ReFresh: Bertschausen**

Jennifer Emrich had to step back from her leadership role. New plans going forward will be discussed during the St. Louis Meeting.

6. Travel: Gary

A conversation is planned to take place during the St. Louis meeting.

7. October 19-21 Board meeting and October 22 regional conference in St. Louis logistics: Bertschausen

Bertschausen will send an email to Gary and Scudera about leading worship on Friday, Oct. 21, and will send to everyone a revised final agenda for the St. Louis meeting.

8. Roots and Wings Fund update: Bertschausen

Bertschausen talked to Barbara Beach, and she is conversation with Petr Samojský, the minister of the Prague Church, about putting together a proposal to bring to UUPCC. The Board will plan to discuss that proposal once it is presented.

9. Credit card authorization: Irwin

Currently PCC staff uses debit cards, which offer no points with purchases. Irwin moved to procure credit cards which would earn travel points, under the conditions that the card require no annual fee and that the staff would pay it off every month to avoid accruing interest. Van Duizend called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 CST/12:53 EST.

**November Meeting Date: Friday, November 11 from 12:00-1:00 pm via Zoom
(<https://zoom.us/j/752881894>)**