

## Board Meeting 8/12/2015

Present:

Board Members: Robyn, Barbara, D'On, Jane, Paul

- Meeting called to order at 6:50 pm.
- Meeting minutes: The minutes of the board meeting on 7/13/15 were distributed by Barbara. D'On moved they be approved as submitted. Robyn seconded. Approved unanimously.
- The Treasurer's Report for July was posted in Googledocs prior to the meeting.
  - Income shows a healthy surplus, but that is misleading because of the carry forward, the front loaded fund raising, and the prepaid pledges.
  - Expenses are slightly below expected, partly due to low LRE expenses and only one guest speaker..
- [minister@wyeastuu.org](mailto:minister@wyeastuu.org) and the "bluemail" contact from the web site has been redirected to a new email account owned by Jane. She will triage the incoming emails and forward any requiring pastoral care to Rev Barbara.
  - There have been no pastoral care emails so far.
  - Jane will be out of the country from the 29th of August to the 18th of September. We need coverage during that time. D'On volunteered to monitor the email during Jane's absence.
- Barbara will check with Betty about clearing the Wy'east phone, especially wrt phone calls requesting pastoral care. [Done.]
- We need to figure out how to publicize Rev. Barbara's contact information.
- Sonrisa A has been hired to be our DRE.
- Lynn T and Donna A are pursuing organizing small group ministry/covenant groups. Would their meeting with Rev Barbara reasonably fall under "pastoral care"? Do we have mission creep? We agreed that having Rev Barbara meet with Lynn and Donna to launch covenant groups would fall outside her pastoral care contract. Barbara S-T will get back to Lynn and Donna to tell them this, and also to invite them to request the board to allocate extra, discretionary funds if they wish to involve Rev. Barbara. [Done.]
- How do we bring on new members? Jane contributed that it is difficult to "navigate" Wy'east. Perhaps a document "Wy'east 101" would be helpful. Both of these might be tasks for the Engagement committee. This ties into the question of how do people get to Rev. Barbara if/when they need pastoral care. The role of the ministerial concerns committee in the next 6 months is also unclear.

- Jane will talk to Diane about the engagement committee and what their role might be. (fun, Wy'east 101, membership)
- Robyn will send an email to the ministerial concerns committee asking what they think their role might be for the next 6-8 months.
  
- Regular Board update for newsletter.
  - Robyn will write the first one. The deadline is probably a week from today.
  
- Next meetings: Sept. 10th at Robyn's at 6:30 pm. and Oct. 8, at Barbara's at 6:30.
  
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Smith-Thomas, secretary