

Little River United Church of Christ
Governance Board Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2017

PRESENT:

Carolyn Yocom, Moderator
(Vacant), Moderator, Elect
Cici Thompson, Past Moderator
Jean Wheelock, Clerk
Mary Summers, Treasurer
Ben Northrop, Board of Trustees

Bruce Douglas, at large
John Mingus, at large
Gary Allen, Comptroller
David, Lindsey, Senior Pastor

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m., and David opened with a prayer.

John left briefly, Ben arrived.

Carolyn introduced the issue of funding the newly-purchased beach chair (cost \$1064.00) to provide transportation to the memorial grove for people who use walkers or wheel chairs. (John returns.) Ben stated that there is no standing committee for the memorial garden, however the memorial garden fund was described as for the purpose of maintaining and developing the garden. Trustees suggest that the cost of the chair be paid from the Memorial Garden fund. An anonymous donor has offered to pay half the cost of the chair. Ben moved that the balance of the beach wheel chair (after the donation) be taken from money from the memorial garden fund. Discussion followed including Mary advising that the fund balance is about \$2300. The motion passed.

Ben mentioned that the work on the memorial garden is being done by Trustees which may be something that needs to be looked at in the future.

Discussion resumed on the issue of the invoice from the Center for Progressive Leadership. Carolyn gave the background. There were two meetings with John Deckenback in which there was no discussion of Little River assuming any of the cost for Claire Bamberg's service. David received a bid via email on May 10, 2016. Cost of the work was \$10k. The conference would pay \$7500; LRUCC would pay \$2500. David followed up on 5/23/16 indicating it sounded good. Gary Allen believes it's a legal obligation. David offered to contribute a portion of this year's and next year's professional education expenses to help defray this cost as he had obligated the church without getting authorization. Gary strongly recommended that the Governance Board reject David's kind offer. Discussion. John moved that we reopen the Transition Contingency Fund for the purpose of paying the \$2500 balance to the CPR. Motion passed. David thanked the Board.

Gary Allen excused himself from the meeting.

Cici reported briefly on the Assoc. Pastor search. As a courtesy, the Search Committee would like to provide some information to the church council before notifying the church. Discussion

followed which included suggesting that Cici notify Robin about particulars for budgeting purposes. Cici will email the church council.

The Board met in executive session. As is customary, no business was conducted while the Board was in executive session.

Meeting concluded with a prayer by David at about 1:00 PM.

Submitted by,

Jean Wheelock
Church Clerk