

Attending: Lynda Shannon, Chair. Mary-Jane Cross, Carrie McEvoy, Catherine Onyemelukwe, Chris Seiple, K.C. Senie, Bob Trefry, Ken Vogel

Absent: John Turmelle, Rev. John Morehouse (ex-officio)

Visitors: D Adams – Executive Director, D Davidoff – Nominating & Leadership Development, Rev. L Fuchs - Intern Minister

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Motions/Actions
Welcome	Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by L	
Chalice Lighting	C. McEvoy gave a centering reading.	
Check In	Trustees and guests checked in.	
Consent Agenda	1) Minutes: September Board Meeting	Bob T moved & Ken V seconded to approve Consent Agenda – approved unanimously.
Information Forum	1) Follow Up on NE Regional Affiliation discussions 2) Elected Committees Covenant 3) CEO/Senior Minister’s Report 4) Legacy Committee – Dinner & Call for Board Membership 5) Shelter Rock Leadership Day _ “Defying Gravity”	1) The consensus of the Board is to wait for Danbury & Stamford congregations to formally vote on regional affiliation and pursue the change at that time. Participation by youth and others in CE Regional programming will continue for the foreseeable future. 5) Nominating & Leadership Development Comm. & Stewardship Comm. will be asked to send out information on the Shelter Rock Leadership Day; Lynda S will include this in the Board Report in November.
GA Delegate Process and Application	Discussion of the desirability of seeking and getting congregational input into items on each year’s UUA General Assembly business agenda for the purpose of either 1) directing, or, 2) providing a sense of the congregation to delegates selected to represent TUCW. Having the congregation be fully informed of items on the business agenda for our annual denominational meeting was agreed to be good.	A vote on the General Assembly (GA) delegation process is tabled to next month. Lynda will draft a formal policy and GA Delegate Application for Board review and adoption for the November Meeting of the Board.
Moral Owners Linkage Discussion	Ken presented the draft report from Linkage Task Group.	The Committee on Ministries (COM) will reflect on the “Connect” portion of our mission at the scheduled Oct. 23 Town Halls following the 9 and 11 am services. The Linkage Task Group will bring an updated set of recommendations for linkage to our moral owners to the
Lift Discussion	Dorothy advised of a potential 13% increase in Lift cost. Details are not yet available.	Tabled to next month for Board discussion/vote.

NLDC Leadership Discussion meeting	Lynda requested Board attendance at a meeting called by Nomination & Leadership Development Committee	Lynda, MJ, Catherine, and Carrie will plan to attend the NLDC meeting on 11/15/16 at 5:30 PM. Board members are encouraged to send any thoughts on Leadership Development to the full Board prior to the meeting.
PG 202	Lynda proposed adopting the Sample Limitations Policies which other PG Congregations use. Board members and staff brought up questions and concerns about the wording.	Adoption of Limitations Policies is tabled to next month. Board members and staff will review the document "Sample Limitations Policies" and send specific questions/comments to MJ, who will compile and send to the Board for a final review before re-drafted for inclusion in the November Board packet.
Board Huddle	Lynda commented that the agenda for this meeting listed this time as for an "Executive Session" but that usually means that an item like a personnel, financial or contractual issue requiring confidentiality is going to be discussed. Since this was not the case for the request to have "board only" time to discuss various issues with our transition to policy-based governance, we adopted the term "Board Huddle."	Catherine O moved & MJ C seconded to go into a Board Huddle to discuss Board process. After discussion, MJ C moved and Carrie M seconded to go out of the Huddle session.
Check out & Assignments		Lynda S is writing article for <i>Soundings</i> . Will circulate to the Board for advice and consent. She will also rewrite a Proposed Policy for GA Delegates for the November Meeting. Ken V will continue to refine the Board Linkage to Moral Owners recommendations. KC S agreed to be present and open the Town Hall on 10/23 following the 9 AM service introducing members of the COM who will be speaking; Chris S will do the same following the 11 AM service. All Board members are asked to review Annual Agenda Planning.
Process Observer: Catherine	How well did we "do board" this evening?	All members reminded to raise hands and be recognized before speaking.
Closing Reflection: Chris	Gave a reading about Nobel Laureate Bob Dylan – taking risk and getting out of one's comfort zone.	
Adjournment – 9:15pm	The Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM	Next month: Set Up: Bob T and John T; Break Down: Ken and Lynda; Snacks: Chris and KC; Opening Reflection: MJ; Process Observer: Carrie; Closing Reflection: Catherine

Respectfully submitted,
Mary-Jane Cross - Secretary