

Attending: Lynda Shannon-Bluestein - President, Mary-Jane Cross, Carrie McEvoy, Catherine Onyemelukwe, Bob Trefry, Ken Vogel, Chris Seiple, John Turmelle, K.C. Senie
Rev. John Morehouse (ex-officio)

Guests: Doug Flam, Wendy Levy

Agenda/Topic	Discussion	Motions & Votes (M/S/V); Actions
Opening	Meeting called to order 7:01 Chalice lighting – B Trefry read “I shall pass through this world but once” by Stephen Grellet, Quaker missionary	
Consent Agenda	1) Minutes: 02/20/2018 Board Meeting 2) GA Delegate Selection Process 3) Westport Resources Corporate Resolution	M/S/V to approve Consent Agenda – approved unanimously with update of GA delegate selection process. MJ Cross will draft an update of GA selection process removing references to GA 2017.
Board Goals	Consensus: this Board has made good progress on all aspects of the 3 Board Goals we set for this year. Monitoring calendar will kick in this Fall, with new Board. Ken suggests processing of Moral Owner Linkage - what should we change, what have we learned. COM began a visioning discussion with Congregation at a March 10 meeting – 29 attendees reviewed and discussed the Vision 2028 document written in 2003. Board needs to participate fully in those events. Board needs to speak on how we participate in linkage conversations. – COM plans a full follow-up visioning event in the Fall. Chris suggests more discussion around the priorities we set.	COM is writing up a report on the March first-cut vision meeting. The Board will discuss this report and our participation in future visioning as soon as the report is received.
Discussion / Information Items	February 25 th Hosted Coffee Hour – Only one person came after 9am service and note following the 11am service. No personal invitations were sent out nor was there a plan put in place to get good representation from members of our community. With two remaining linkage events scheduled in April –a coffee hour and a Gallery Walk - discussion centered around the purpose of each of these and prioritizing different groups within the congregation to whom invitations should be extended. Suggestions were: newer members (>2 years), parents of children in Faith Development programs, and participants in Small Groups. Senior Minister Report, Financial Highlights, President’s Report, and Treasurer	C Seiple will convene subcommittee of Board to prep for April events. (Invitations, Board members to run each one, appreciative inquiry, explain what priorities we have set) Lynda offered to help w designing the events, K Vogel / KC Senie will work on the April Gallery Walk – focus, who to invite, Board member participation. KC will write appreciative inquiry questions. BOT vote on Fine Awardee in April. Board members

	<p>report were accepted without comment.</p> <p>Lift report from J Turmelle – Rev John & J Turmelle have discussed the issues with the provider, Freedom Lift. Rev. John is convening a Facility Advisory Group; they will determine how to approach Freedom Lift to try to get back in agreement with them.</p> <p>Fine Award Discussion: there is a low level of awareness of who has been recognized in past years, and little focus on making this award more meaningful in the life of the congregation. Suggestions included: web site listing of past awardees and adding some language on the nametags of past awardees.</p>	<p>are asked to send suggested names to MJ Cross. MJ sent blurb for e-Soundings to request input from congregants.</p>
Discernment: Reflection on the Future	<p>Activity: Personification</p> <p>If TUCW were a person...TUCW trends to older, whiter, higher socio-economic levels, “have grown kids and grandkids, listen to NPR, read the NYT, agnosticism, vote for Democrats, drive a Prius and serve on a NFP board.”</p> <p>Transitions – why people come first time – death, marriage/divorce, kids, move, job. Also need to evaluate the look of our website which currently is a bulletin board for members not an invitation to come for inspiration community and opportunities to engage in actions in the service of justice.</p> <p>Factors that influence attendance - music they can connect with; sermons that inspire, opportunities for social justice work in community.</p> <p>What are we – people who have core values of faith, who embrace many ways of expressing those core values.</p> <p>Ken – suggests we change the Ends priorities for Rev John to find ways to attract specific groups. Lynda suggested that it would be more relevant to tailor the means to be a better fit with a variety of ‘demographics’, e.g. don’t change “beyond our walls” End, just include ways of connecting that include millennials, teens and older adults. Millennials are un-churched, looking for community for connections.</p>	
Board HUDDLE	Time for personal check In.	
Check Out / Assignments / Future Meeting Items	<p><u>April</u> – Board will formally vote to form Board Governance Committee, including defining its mission. Invite incoming Board members to May meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FINE Award vote - TUCW policies discussion and vote <p><u>May</u>- discussion of Board Retreat plans (B Trefry)</p>	<p>Individual between meeting assignments noted in these minutes.</p> <p><u>TUCW policies</u> – Ken will look over all the current policies of the Congregation and bring proposal for how & where to store these in an official site.</p>
Process	KC – we moved agenda well.	

Observer		
Closing Reflection	Ken read from Stephen Hawking's lecture The Origin of the Universe. John T read "and the Spring arose..." Percy Bysshe Shelley	
Adjournment & Announcements	Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 17. 2018 at 7:00 PM	Meeting assignments* for April 17, 2018 Set-up: MJ & Carrie Chalice lighting: KC Process Observer: Bob Closing reflection: Lynda Break down: Chris & Catherine Refreshments: Ken & John <i>* If you need a sub to take over your assignment please make those arrangements before the meeting.</i>

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Jane Cross, Board Secretary March 20, 2018