

1/19/2020

GBAUUF Quarterly Town Hall Meeting

1. 2019 Review presented by Karen E
 - a. Membership - 87 current, active members; gained 9 members over 2019.
 - b. Sunday service attendance is trending gradually upward; total attendance for all Sunday services in 2019 combined was about 2500.
 - c. Treasurer's report - accounts and mortgage; doing well financially.
 - i. Sabina B inquired about encouraging endowments.
 - d. Visioning Task Force (started in 2018, continued through March 2019); Task Force of 5 subgroups; "Now that we've planted roots, how will we grow?" Top 3 topics from each of the five task force subgroups:
 - i. Staffing - Congregational Life Coordinator
 1. part-time Minister,
 2. paid staff - communications specialist*, music coordinator*, custodian)
 - ii. Programming
 1. Sunday Services focus
 2. How do we attract young families?
 3. How to improve Sunday Services.
 - iii. Marketing/Outreach
 1. Record weekly sermons to post on website as podcasts
 2. Design & sell t-shirts & bumper stickers
 3. Host neighborhood picnic, maintain a presence at local events or on local committees
 - iv. Welcoming
 1. Formalize greeting process
 2. Follow through on welcoming visitors
 3. Acknowledge new members at service.
 - v. Building & grounds
 1. Outdoor master plan
 2. Gardens
 3. Basement space redevelopment.
2. Accomplishments:
 - a. HVAC
 - b. Board Covenant
 - c. Webinars thru UUA
 - d. Consent agenda adopted to more efficiently utilize board meeting time
 - e. Office Admin - Communication Specialist workflow
 - f. Office Admin position - interviews begin next week - admin to be the hub of fellowship communication
3. Upcoming Activities for 2020 presented by Natalie B
 - a. By-Laws edit
 - b. Merging some committees
 - c. Announcement process - standardizing, utilizing a form
 - d. Interviewing, hiring, training of new Office Administrator
 - e. UUA Webinar
 - f. Pi Day in Stevens Point

Questions / Topics raised by Congregation:

1. Mary W inquired whether the annual canvass will kickoff in February. Karen E responded, yes.
2. Susan asked "Is there a list of Committees or Volunteer opportunities available within GBAUUF, along with who to contact, etc?" Karen E responded that the ask for participation and volunteers occurs during annual canvass; we do not currently have such a list, but perhaps this is a good idea to explore.
3. Steve K asked about upcoming Circle Dinners and whether they will be connected to the annual canvass? Karen E answered "No, not necessarily related to the canvass."
4. Sabina B asked "Is anyone assisting elderly members with their needs? Karen E responded: Caring/Welcoming/Outreach Committee being restarted. Kristin summarized: "work is beginning, another meeting scheduled for February." Candy D, Janice G, Linda B, and Kristin working on this.
5. Sabina B asked "Is the UU a registered non-profit?" and explained that she works for a senior program under the Department of Labor, and wonders if the UU could be a partner agency? She could send candidates to interview for positions at the UU. DOL pays minimum wage, so UU would not need to pay participants. Sabina B will send information to Karen E. GBAUUF would need a point person to coordinate the details.

Meeting ended at 12:10 pm.