

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.