

**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)

**Absent:** Chris Seiple

**Guests:** Doug Flam, Steve Grathwohl, Julio Torres- Intern

Agenda/Topic	Discussion	Motions & Votes (M/S/V); Actions
Opening	Meeting called to order 7:06 Chalice lighting – KC Senie read “Task of a Religious Community” from Mark Morrison Reed	
Consent Agenda	1. Minutes: March 2018 Board Meeting 2. Approve Delegates for GA 2018 _ L Shannon, C McEvoy	<b>M/S/V to approve Consent Agenda. Passed.</b>
Discussion / Information Items	1. YTD Financials – no comment 2. Minister’s and President’s Reports – no comment 3. Lynda outlined the plan to discuss a faithful response to #MeToo movement at GA. She and Rev. John will head up this discussion. Very few Congregations have openly discussed this effort. 4. TUCW official policies – K Vogel proposed the Board be responsible for the set of Congregation-wide proposals. Goal – clear, consistent set of policies that meet TUCW needs. Policies will be administered by Board or Ministry as appropriate. 5. Claiming Your Spiritual Leadership - no comment	Secretary of the Board is responsible for keeping the official approved Policy Documents.  The Board will take up policy proposals (ownership, maintenance, updating, using policy questions as guide to Board meeting topics) at a future meeting.  MJ Cross, Board Secretary, will prepare a draft of tonight’s discussion as input to the future re-visit. Board members are requested to send any comments or questions to the Secretary.
#MeToo Task Force Proposed Resolution	S Sankar gave an overview of the resolution on A Faithful Response to #MeToo, requesting this be placed on the Agenda for our Annual Member Meeting in June. Board members offered suggestions on wording changes.  MJ Cross asked if every proposal to be on the Annual Meeting agenda should be formally approved by the Board. The full Board agreed this should be the case; no formal vote was taken.	<b>M/S/V to approve the resolution in spirit, and allow it to go to the Congregation unless a significant fiduciary problem is identified. Passed.</b>  Tom Hearn sent a request to Lynda to place the COM report on the Annual Meeting Agenda asking for 5 minutes time to discuss the highlights.
Proposed Budget for 2018-2019	B Trefry and C Onyemelukwe reviewed the draft budget. Bob and Catherine request approval of the budget and the contingencies plan.	<b>M/S/V to approve budget. Passed.</b>  <b>M/S/V to approve contingencies plan. Passed.</b>

Ministry & Governance	<p>LS Bluestein led a review of 2017-18 Board Goals. We did well on most goals. We made some progress on Moral Owner linkages - 1 Gallery Walk with 20-30 past Board members, 2 coffee hours with small groups of Congregants. Lynda stated that direct conversations with the Congregation are among the most important tasks of a Board; we need to work on increasing these interactions in a deliberate way.</p> <p>Ministry / Governance Committees – Lynda requests the Board consider where the remaining Elected Committees belong – Nominating, Endowment and COM are Governance, per the Constitution.</p> <p>Rev John is talking with COM about being part of new visioning work – revising the Vision 2028 document. This effort is mainly driving toward a Capital Campaign in 18-24 months. The Board owns the overall vision process; the CEO owns the planning for a Capital Campaign.</p>	<p><b>M/S/V to direct CEO to begin visioning process in collaboration with Board. Passed.</b></p> <p><u>May meeting</u> - The Board will revisit the visioning question to clarify the boundary between the Board and Ministry in visioning.</p> <p>- The Board will also revisit how the CEO and we should interface with each of the other Elected Committees this next year.</p>
Board HUDDLE	<p>Time for personal check In. FINE award vote.</p>	
Check Out / Assignments / Future Meeting Items	<p><u>May</u> – Board will formally vote to form Board Governance Committee, including defining its mission. Invite incoming Board members to May meeting</p> <p><u>May</u>- discussion of Board Retreat plans (B Trefry)</p> <p><u>May</u> – Visioning and Elected Committees discussion, as above.</p>	<p>Individual between meeting assignments noted in these minutes.</p>
Process Observer	<p>Catherine – the agenda was overloaded and took more time than was allotted. Sometimes conversation was more back and forth; need to adhere more to single person stating things and raising a hand to be acknowledged.</p>	
Closing Reflection	<p>John T read a passage about passing of time, by Ernest Agyemang Yeboah, a writer from Ghana</p>	
Adjournment & Announcements	<p>Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.</p> <p>Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 15. 2018 at 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Meeting assignments* for May 15, 2018</b></p> <p>Set-up: MJ &amp; Catherine Chalice lighting: Chris Process Observer: KC Closing reflection: Rev John Break down: Carrie &amp; Bob Refreshments: Ken &amp; John</p> <p>* <i>If you need a sub to take over your assignment please make those arrangements before the meeting.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Jane Cross, Board Secretary April 17, 2018