

SUUSI Board Meeting took place at Balsam @2:12pm 7/21/17

In attendance were Rebecca W., Bill N., Jay C., Paul L., Seth B., Steve G., Michael T., Wilson F., Cate F., Kim B., Louie W., Jennifer S., Kailey A., Kimi R., Mara B., Annsley A., Cameron A., Chase D., Derrick P.

One Visitor; Maryllynn Schuyler (sp?) She was there to listen to the discussion on the Foundation

Intros/Check-ins - Incoming members and visitor were recognized.

SUUSI Foundation – Derrick briefed the board on the workshop held at camp and mentioned that the largest topic of conversation was whether there needed to be a separate board between SUUSI and the SUUSI Foundation. Steve G. explained that the main protection of having to separate entities as it offers us greater protection from liability.

Jay C. Moved that a Exploratory Task Force be created to explore the need and implications of having separate boards and were to report their recommendations back to the board at the following meeting. This Exploratory Task Force would be made up of Derrick P., Jennifer S., Steve G., and Bill N.

Cameron A. Seconded; Motion Carried; Unanimous vote.

Directors Report – The visitor left shortly into the Director's Report...I did not note the time. Annsley A. stated that overall this was a great year. She mentioned that there were a few injuries and that she would get Steve G. the appropriate paperwork. She mentioned that we had developed a good working relationship with the WCU staff and had been developing one with the Police Chief. It was noted that there was a marked increase in police presence this year vs. last year and that there were a number of complaints about frequent, unsolicited floor checks in some of the buildings.

Jay C. Moved that the Board go into Executive Session.

Derrick P Seconded; Motion Carried; Unanimous Vote.

Board engaged in Executive Session, 12:45p – 1:06p

Board Elections – Cameron A. discussed the use of SUUSI Friends (on Facebook) as the general forum for open discussion and his displeasure at the course of a particular post in the group concerning Kevin Houck, an attendee that was running for the Board. He brought up the need for better protections or policing especially considering the amount of negativity that was being expressed. Rebecca W. brought up the need for having a Communication Policy. General discussion about the post itself continued for a few minutes. Derrick P. made a comment about the secrecy of the issue, which is something that should be handled better in the future. Rebecca W. suggested that, due to time constraints, we move this topic at large to the fall meeting for discussion. Cameron A. wanted a conversation about better Candidate Forums to be included with that conversation.

The conversation was moved to the fall meeting.

Michael T. let the Board know that he went through Right Relations and had a sit down with Annsley A., Molly (unsure...can't read my chicken scratch), Kevin Houck, and himself and have hashed things out to a resolution.

Rebecca W. added that if anyone felt the need to carry on some of the previous conversations later that she would more than happy to do so and that she had tabled the conversation purely for the sake of time

Kim B. had some general election comments and was looking for some general direction. A brief conversation was had on the topic.

This segued into a general conversation about an impromptu 'Parent/Teacher' meeting. I believe this was brought up by Rebecca W. (anyone?? and I did not catch the names of any other board or staff members at this meeting). Overall the parents were interested in more transparency. There was overall negative opinion amongst parents of incoming teens over Kevin Houck still being on teen staff. The parents also wanted better ways to communicate with teen staffers. Cameron A. brought up the need more accessible and advertised phone numbers (for all services and needs, not just Teens).

Kailey A., brought up with the teen dorms having the floors being separated by gender. There was some brief discussion. This was the first report of this to the overall group and the topic was moved to the fall meeting with the caveat that Annsley A. would look into the situation fully and report back to the Board in the fall meeting what she found out and her plans on moving forward.

Affirmation Statement - Rebecca W. then passed around the Statement of Affirmation of the UU Principles for signatures of all incoming and remaining board members & Directors. Explained that this is what replaced an old policy that required all Boards Members to belong to a brick and mortar church.

Population of Committees –

Policy & Bylaws: Bill N., Wilson F.

Suusiship : Kimi R., Jay C., Paul L.

Nominations: Jay C., Jennifer S.

Fund Raising: Mara B., Seth B, Derrick P.

Elections: Kim B., Chase D., Cameron A., Cate F.

Jay C. reminded **ALL** committee heads to provide a synopsis of their committee over the next weeks. Paul L. is going to house the documents (I'm not sure a method of storage is decided). This is facilitate institutional memory.

Meeting adjourned @ 1:56p 7/21/17

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