

First UU Board of Trustees

MINUTES – Monthly Meeting

October 26, 2005

Present: Trustees: Gretchen Faulstich, Chair: Jim Bailey, Secretary; Debra Boyd, Treasurer; Pam Argus, Ben Blee, David Carr, Barb Fisher, Bill Fullarton, Karen Dawson, Past Chair.

Not present: Will Delphia, Michael Greenman, Evonne McNabb, Doug Zelinski.

Ex Officio: Mark Belletini, Senior Minister; Cindy Dillard, Co-Director of RE; Wendy Fish, Associate Minister; Maggie Perkins, Church Administrator.

Guests: Tom Baillieul, Bob Rice

1. Opening Words and Lighting of Chalice

Introduction and Check In

Bill Fullarton read opening words and all in attendance checked in.

2. Review of Agenda

Minutes of September 28

No changes were made to the agenda.

Bill Fullarton moved and Barb Fisher seconded that the minutes of the September 28 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

3. Environmental Audit Report

Tom Baillieul spoke to the report, AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY AUDIT OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF COLUMBUS, OCTOBER 2005. He explained the procedure used by him, Alex Baillieul, Steve Molk, and Mike Shifrin, in completing the report. He emphasized the Executive Summary and the five recommendations upon which the Board should take immediate action: 1) have a professional energy audit; 2) purchase and install one or more Automatic Electronic Defibrillators; 3) remove dead and dying trees that pose a danger to power lines, adjacent homes and the parking lot; 4) create a task force to develop a Crisis Management Plan for the Church; 5) improve entry to and safe egress from the building by mobility impaired individuals.

The Board thanked Tom and the team for the report and agreed to refer the five points to Maggie and the Executive Committee.

4. Treasurer's Report: Discussion of Finances

Debra distributed income and expense information for three months ending September 30 and pointed out the budget is faced with a deficit of at least \$16,000. The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board act by next month to cut expenses.

5. Committee Reports: Development and Covenant of Respectful Relations

Discussion of church finances continued with a report from Bob Rice of the Development Committee. Bob reported on the plans for the fall campaign to be held November 6 through November 20. Gretchen noted a successful campaign will call for commitment and that Board members should help with pulpit announcements and with talking to possible donors.

Ben reported that he and Judy Field have been meeting and will soon post some sample covenants for congregational comments and feedback. The procedure is then to draft a Covenant of Respectful Relations for congregational approval.

6. Board Goals

Jim presented the revised 2005-2006 Board Goals and Action Plan, and he and Gretchen pointed out changes in wording from the earlier version.

7. Roof Repair

Debra explained the need to approve expenditure from the "rainy day fund" for roof repair. One estimate has been received and a second estimate is in process. Debra moved and Ben seconded spending up to \$4000 from the rainy day fund for repairing the roof. Motion carried.

8. Letter to Dan Shaffer

Gretchen circulated a draft letter to Dan Shaffer, thanking him for his work as facilitator at the board retreat. It was agreed to send the letter to Dan.

9. Staff Reports

The Board received written reports from Mark, Maggie, and Cindy. Wendy reported orally. Cindy noted that the church is participating in a two-year program to survey youth.

10. Appointments: Co-chair of Finance Committee

Debra moved and Barb seconded that Alan Ray be appointed as Co-chair of the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

11. Board Vacancy and Other Appointments/Liaison Needed

Gretchen said she needs suggestions of people to serve as committee members and chairs and also help in recruiting. Ben noted that in his previous church the Nominating Committee helped with committee appointments. The Board might consider suggesting a “leadership nominating committee” for First UU.

12. Adjourn

Bill moved and Ben seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.