

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Board of Trustees

Minutes – Monthly Meeting

August 22, 2007

Present: Chas Williams, Chair,
Debra Boyd, Treasurer; Jim Bailey, Ben Blee, David Carr, Judy Houston,
secretary, Dan Hronek, Jim Pinkham, David Easter, Bob Gordon, Kate
Power

Absent: Jim Pinkham, Doug Zelinski, past chair , Tony Skrabak

Staff Present: Mark Belletini, Senior Minister, Wendy Fish, Associate Minister;
Michael Brennan, Church Administrator, Caroline Balderston Parry, Int.
Dir. Of Religious Education

1. Opening Words and Lighting of Chalice

With the lighting of the chalice, Bob Gordon read a piece from the Book of Awakening .

2. Review agenda/ Approve Minutes of July, 2007 meeting/ Vote

Corrections to the minutes were noted. Dan Hronek moved and David Carr seconded approval of the minutes of the July, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

3. Staff Highlights and Information Sharing

A combined staff report, put together by all staff members, was presented orally by Mark Belletini. He stated that he is working to make UU's better known. Our church was mentioned in an article in the Columbus Dispatch. Michael Brennan is arranging a work day in the fall. Mark and Wendy are working on a vision statement for the fellowship dinner. All are making "welcoming" a priority. He spoke about reaching out to BREAD. Peace Camp was well attended and there is a welcome area for families in room B. Mark, Wendy, Caroline, and Michael attended the board retreat. Michael reported the Krishna group will begin meeting here on Sunday evenings.

4. Appoint Committee for Scott Lewis Fellowship and Kathleen Fowler Sponsorship

Mark explained the program to us. Bob Gordon moved that we accept the committee and David Easter seconded. Motion passed. The committee includes Kathy Ritchie, Josette Bodonyi, Steve Abbott, Donna Greenman, and Mark Belletini. A motion was made to Trish Holtz as chair of personnel committee. Jim Bailey moved and Debra Boyd seconded and the motion passed. We need a chair and co-chair of the nominating committee a chair for the finance committee.

5. Progress Report on Welcoming Plan and View JUC Video

We viewed the JUC video titled "Repelling Fewer Visitors" created by the Jefferson UU Church in Golden, Colorado. We discussed what it may be like walking through the door for the first time and what actions can be taken. It was suggested that we make a recommendation to the finance committee that visitors may pass the collection plate without contributing. Bob Gordon moved that the board support the pastors and

encourage visitors to let the basket pass for a trial basis until further advice from the finance committee. Dan seconded and motion passed. Dan gave an update on the Welcoming Plan. He stated that there will be changes on the web page and that there is very specific wording to identify a “welcoming congregation”. Michael talked about making changes to the kiosk to be more welcoming.

6. Comments on the board retreat-Team Meetings

Chas asked for comments or questions about the board retreat. Mark suggested that the leadership posters be displayed.

7. All Call Participation

A script and a list of people to call have been placed in a folder in our mailboxes. These calls are to be made after Labor Day and the folders are to be returned to the membership committee mailbox.

8. Thank you Notes and appreciations

A list of cards to be sent was given to Judy.

9. Treasurer’s Report

The end-of-year has not been closed out yet. Debra reported that they are looking at a comparison of pledges to what is coming in and that the chart of accounts has changed. There will be a report soon.

10. Appoint Bob Gordon liaison to the nominating committee.

Ben moved that Bob Gordon be appointed as a liaison to the nominating committee and Debra seconded the motion. The motion passed.

11. Report on UULTI

Bob Gordon reported on the UU Leadership Team Institute that he attended in July. Others attending were: Michael Brennan, Rev. Wendy Fish, Steve Kraynak, and Doug Zelinski.

12. UUA Commission on Appraisal

There is to be a review of the articles of principals and purposes for the UUA and a report submitted. We discussed who could do this and which committee.

13. Announcements

Chas gave reminders about the Labor Day retreat and the fellowship dinner coming up in September.

14. Adjourn

Ben moved to Adjourn and Dan seconded it. Motion passed.

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