

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Board of Trustees

Minutes – Monthly Meeting

February 27, 2008

Present: Chas Williams, Chair,
Debra Boyd, Treasurer; Jim Pinkham, Ben Blee, David Carr, Judy
Houston, secretary, Dan Hronek, David Easter, Kate Power, Tony
Skrabak, Gretchen Faulstich

Absent: Bob Gordon, Jim Bailey

Staff Present: Wendy Fish, Associate Minister;
Caroline Balderston Parry, Int.
Dir. Of Religious Education

Guests: Kevin O'Neil

1. Opening Words and Lighting of Chalice

With the lighting of the chalice, Ben Blee shared a chalice reading from a program from 1st Unitarian Universalist Church in Salt Lake City.

2. Review agenda/ Approve Minutes of Jan. 18, 2008 meeting/ Vote

Corrections to the minutes were noted Ben Blee moved and Debra Boyd seconded approval of the minutes of the Jan. 18, 2008 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Chas reported that David Easter has agreed to be Board Chair for the 2008-2009 year.

3. Staff Report

A combined staff report was given by Caroline Balderston Parry. She stated that Bob Rice made a donation to WCBE and received two “day sponsorships”. These will run on Feb. 27 and March 1st and give listeners information about our church. It was agreed among staff that the members of the church are to remain non-partisan because of our 501c status. It is critical that we remain neutral. Michael has updated our kitchen to a “commercial” license and we have a new renter. The wheel-chair ramp will be brought up-to-date according to regulations. Michael will be taking a two week vacation in April. Rev. Wendy Fish and Rev. Mark Belletini attended the district ministers’ meeting in early February. Five youth from the Coming of Age class, Wendy Fish, along with several members of the church attended the Rev. Martin Luther King Day Breakfast and were pleased to see the Social Justice Committee and the Communications Committee and RE work together on this event. Rev. Wendy Fish has had an exit interview with the district executive. She has been very busy with pastoral visits. Mark is in Santa Barbara, California this week attending the Large Church Minister’s Conference. He is teaching at two local colleges about UUism and is working with the FOCUUS college group on campus. He is also working with Dick Dawson to help him prepare for the Commissioned Lay Leader position. Caroline attended a retreat with her Quaker meeting

and met with the Toronto First UU Congregation minister. She attended training on “Ministry with Youth” and reported that there may be some restructuring at the Youth Office at the association level. AEP programs have been full and we have 199 children enrolled in Sunday School.

4. Report on Commissioned Lay Leader Training

A report on Dick Dawson’s progress with the Commissioned Lay Leader position was given by Chas Williams. Wendy explained the process and talked about Dick’s role as the lay leader. We discussed his installation briefly.

5 DRE search

Kevin O’Neal stated that the packets have been passed out and telephone interviews completed. They continue to work through the process of finding a permanent director of religious education. Applications are open until April 1. Kevin asked if there were any timing implications with Wendy leaving.

6 Thank you’s and Appreciations

Thank you notes will be sent to the auction team, Myra Hine for her work with the art exhibits, Jacques and Jackie Angelino for their social justice presence in fellowship hall.

7. Treasurer’s report

Debra Boyd reported that we are ahead of this time last year and that the collection rate has increased. The loan committee is looking at five different banks for approval of our mortgage re-financing. This will be in the final stages of negotiations in early March. Kevin asked if a short summary of the treasurer’s report could be submitted for on-line viewing. A motion was made by Tony Skrabak to authorize the loan committee to make final recommendations to the executive committee to approve and finalize the loan documents. It was seconded by David Carr and the motion carried. Dan Hronek asked if a pre-payment would be penalized and questions were asked about the payments versus what we pay currently per month.

8. Program Council

Tony Skrabak reported that there were opinions concerning the change of times for Sunday services collected and there was not a consensus to change. They will continue to look at this. Discussion followed about the growth of the 9A.M. service and the continued parking problem. Wendy praised Tony for the process of taking the time change issue to the program council.

9. Slowter Lounge Rehab

Michael will report on this at another time. We briefly discussed what updates need to occur in Slowter Lounge. Dan Hronek moved that we authorize a request of money from the Columbus Foundation and Ben Blee seconded the motion and the motion carried.

10. Approve Scott Lewis Sponsorship

Ben Blee moved that we approve Scott Lewis's sponsorship. Dan Hronek seconded it and the motion carried.

12. Names for Transitional Search Committee

Jim Bailey and Dan Hronek have agreed to form the search committee for our transitional minister. A motion was made by David Carr to give Dan and Jim permission to form the committee from a list of people that has been reviewed by the board and our senior minister. Ben seconded the motion and the motion carried. The list was reviewed by the board.

13. Remove names from membership rolls

A list of names of people to be removed from the membership list was reviewed. A motion was made by Dan Hronek to remove the names and Ben Blee seconded it. The motion carried.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.