

UUFCC BOARD MEETING
MARCH 10, 2009
Approved April 14, 2009

Motions:

that we accept the Property budget policy as written and dated March 10, 2009 (See 6b)
that we approve Milena Danneker as a member of the DLRE Relations Committee (See 6f)

Present: Lois Durran, Andy Lau, John Schmidt, Sue Smith, Helen Volz, Jean Wiant, Jan Wuest (recorder)

1. Chalice Lighting and Monthly reflection: Helen guided us in telling our stories based on Joseph Campbell's ideas about myth and how these stories fulfill our Quest at the fellowship.
2. April's Monthly reflection: Lois Durran will continue with stories from the Board.
3. Additions to Agenda: Lois asked the Board to provide desserts for the Spring Follies. Jean has new member information for the DLRE Relations Committee (See 6e iv)
4. Minutes from February 10, 2009 were approved. Helen moved, Lois seconded.
5. Written Reports: **Minister:** Mark submitted a written report.
DLRE: Jean submitted a written report.
Music Director: Matt submitted a written report.
Trustees-Liaison Areas: Andy will present a draft budget.
Treasurer: Peter presented a written report. Lois will ask Peter to include figures that reveal how much committees have spent to date. The negative figures listed are not committee expenditures.
Program Council: Helen submitted a written report.
6. Business
 - a. Service Auction budget and charity contributions - Sue Smith
 - Since the Service Auction is primarily a UUFCC member function, Sue suggested that income received from future auctions go only to the fellowship and that costly advertising be omitted.
 - The Service Auction next year will be held the second or third week in February. Sue will ask Susan Mason to put it on the UUFCC calendar.
 - Since the Yard Sale is open to the community, giving some of the proceeds to a local charity would encourage people to spend money at the Yard Sale. Sue suggested that anything over a set amount could be donated. The Social Action Committee could recommend one or two organizations and present their recommendations to the Board before the Annual Meeting. John asked Sue to put this policy in writing for the Board's consideration.
 - Regarding future advertisements for UUFCC functions, Sue suggested that ads have a common and recognizable UUFCC format.
 - Donations vs. fixed prices: Sue suggested that some churches in the area find that people give more generously when asked for donations

for goods received (with a charitable recipient identified). Is that an option for the Yard Sale or other events held at the UUFCC?

- b. Property budget policy vote - John Schmidt: The Board moved to accept the policy as written and dated March 10, 2009. Lois moved, Jan seconded. John will place the new Property budget policy in the office manual on policies.
- c. Draft budget for next fiscal year – Andy Lau, along with members of the Finance Committee, prepared a budget that reflects the reality of the current economic recession and the first tally of pledges completed on February 26. On that date pledging units were a few points lower than the previous year. Based on that information, the Committee increased only costs that are fixed such as utilities. They also reduced the amount originally planned to go to the Capital Improvement Fund and the Reserve Fund to \$6000 each (from \$12,000 each). The Committee felt that the Board should determine any salary increases for employees so these figures were tallied separately. The numbers:

2008-09 Budget:	\$283,495	
2009-10 Base Budget:	\$286,766	(1.2 % increase)
Cost of salary increase:	\$1,732	per 1% increase

Lois said that additional pledges will improve financial possibilities and the current forecast for the budget drive was favorable.
- d. Annual Budget Drive update (status) – Lois Durran: 127 pledge commitments have been received. Email messages will go out this week to those who have not pledged. Lois is prepared to receive most pledges on or before the Spring Follies. Following Spring Follies, phone calls will be made to non-responders.
- e. Annual meeting – John Schmidt
 - i. UU Newsletter notice for April: John will include a description of building options under Splinters for the Board.
 - ii. Annual reports from committee chairs are due April 20. Committee chairs will be contacted for their input.
 - iii. Vote on Building Expansion options: At least three building expansion options will be presented to the congregation at the May annual meeting. The Board agreed that a no building option should be available for the May vote.
 - iv. Items for the Annual Meeting – In order to stagger the terms of members serving on the Program Council, three or four representatives will be presented for election to a second term at the meeting. Reps are allowed two consecutive terms on the Program Council.
- f. Libby Gage will be leaving the DLRE Relations Committee and Jean asked the Board to approve Milena Danneker as her replacement. The Board approved Milena Danneker as a member of the DLRE Relations Committee. Andy moved and Lois seconded.
- g. Safety Policy update – Jean Wiant and a few members of the Safety Policy Committee read many of the materials provided by Church Mutual. Jean reviewed the current RE safety policies and believes they are current and effective. She suggested that the back door could be locked once services are underway. Training ushers to be attentive is another good place to begin.

7. Adjourn

Dates:

Spring Follies and Musicale, March 21, 7:00 (Dinner at 6:00)

Next Board meeting, April 14, 7:00

Follow up:

Write April Splinters from the Board

Determine committee budget expenditures to date

Review Sue Smith's policy suggestions for donations

Review the draft budget based on Annual Budget Drive updates

Review building expansion options

Prepare building option plans for the Annual Meeting

Collect reports from committee chairs

Prepare agenda for April and May meetings