

UUFCC Board Meeting
May 12, 2009
Approved June 9, 2009

Motions:

to accept the revised agenda (See 4).

to approve the minutes from April 14 (See 5)

to pre-approve the minutes from the May 12 annual meeting (See 5)

to approve GA delegates Mark Hayes, Jean Wiant, Helen Volz, Laura Brown, Bev Henshaw, Betsy Berry and Matthew Karasek with Chuck Berry as alternate (See 7b)

Present: Brenda Black, Helen Dempsey, Mark Hayes, Peter Jurs, Andy Lau, Stevie Rocco, John Schmidt, Helen Volz, Jan Wuest (recorder)

1. Introduction of new board members, Helen Dempsey and Brenda Black
2. Chalice Lighting and monthly reflections: John read about “Vital Congregations” from the Alban Institute.
3. June’s monthly reflections: Jan Wuest
4. Changes to agenda: Number 7e, pre approval of mid-year and annual meeting minutes, was moved to No. 5. A report on the yard sale conversation between John Schmidt and Sue Smith was added under Old Business (6c). John moved to accept the revised agenda. Stevie seconded. No discussion. The motion passed.
5. Peter moved to approve the revised minutes from April 14. John seconded. The Board moved to pre-approve the revised minutes from the May 12 annual meeting. Final approval of the annual meeting minutes will be made at the midyear congregational meeting.
6. Reports:
 - a. Minister – Mark submitted a written report.
 - b. DLRE – Jean submitted a written report.
 - c. Music Director – Matt submitted a written report
 - d. Trustees—Liaison Areas – No reports
 - e. Treasurer – Peter submitted a written report and will send out 76 letters to members who have not completed their 2008-2009 pledge payments. Peter suggested that we explore ways to increase our income by increasing our building use and increasing the fees for groups already using the building. Brenda offered to email OLLI to see whether or not raising fees is possible. She also suggested advertising the use of our building for weddings in *Voices* of Central PA. John asked about the decision regarding remaining funds that might be put into the reserve or capital improvement funds. Peter said that any remaining funds will go into reserve and Mark said that any Chalice Lighting Grant funds cannot become part of the budget reserves.
 - f. Program Council – Helen submitted a written report.
7. **Old Business**
 - a. The Annual Budget Drive is \$3,000 shy, but the budget numbers for the next fiscal year look realistic.

- b. We are allotted one ministerial delegate and six member delegates for GA: Mark Hayes, Jean Wiant, Helen Volz, Laura Brown, Bev Henshaw, Chuck and Betsy Berry, and Matthew Karasek will be attending. Chuck Berry will serve as an alternate. Peter moved to approve the delegates for GA. John seconded. No discussion. The motion was approved.
- c. Yard sale and donations - John and Sue Smith had a conversation but nothing was decided. John will follow up with Sue before the June meeting. Peter pointed out that we are already giving \$14,000 to outside agencies, and we need the amount raised for our operating costs. The yard sale date of August 22 coincides with moving-in day for the university students and new graduate students. Advertising on and off campus should help us meet our goal of \$6,000.

8. New Business

- a. Update from the annual meeting - Stevie entered the votes and accompanying comments on building options into a survey program and will complete the results on June 7 when the absentee ballots are due. Ninety percent of the returns suggest we continue with the building plans. John will meet with the Steering Committee next month to discuss the first two options on the ballot. The committee is planning a conversation with Frankie Price Stern who will do a feasibility study to determine the amount that might be raised in our congregation. The tentative plan is to do that study in the fall and, depending upon those results, move on with a Capital Campaign next spring. Many members who made comments about the building options expressed a keen interest in building green. John asked and Andy Lau agreed that he would be available to address that interest.
- b. Summer meetings – There will be no July meeting. Our next board meetings will be held June 9 and August 11.
- c. Board retreat will be held on September 11 and 12. John will check with Arian Zarkower about the use of their cabin. Helen Dempsey will invite the Program Council to join us for lunch and the meeting on Saturday afternoon. Mark, Jean, John, Helen Volz and Helen Dempsey, will meet to identify the goals the Board would like to accomplish this year. Once defined, a facilitator may be invited. John said that another Long Range Plan should be worked on as the current plan ends in 2010. Helen said that each committee has a Long Range Plan that will need to be updated. We could include some topics related to this at the retreat.
- d. Secretary for Program Council – Bring the discussion to the Program Council. If the secretary is to be a working member, the by-laws may need to be changed.

9. Adjourn Peter moved, John seconded.

Meetings:

June 9 Board meeting

August 11 Board meeting

August 22 Yard Sale

September 11 & 12 Board retreat

Follow up:

Yard sale decision on funding another organization

Budget Drive Status

Building use and rental prices

Final results from the building plan vote

Report from the Steering Committee meeting

Bylaw change for Program Council secretary

Agenda for the board retreat