

UUFCC Board Meeting

September 8, 2009

Approved October 13, 2009

Motions:

that John Schmidt oversee and work with the teams selected for a Capital Campaign (7a)
that the board approve the concept of moving forward with the plan to become an underwriter of WPSU-FM, with details to be worked out (7b)

Present: Brenda Black, Helen Dempsey, Mark Hayes, Peter Jurs, Andy Lau, John Schmidt, Helen Volz, Jean Wiant, Stevie Rocco (recorder) Jan Wuest (secretary) Carolyn Wilhelm present for #1.

1. Update on the Endowment and Directed Gifts Funds: Carolyn Wilhelm
Carolyn reviewed a report from the Endowment and Directed Gifts (E&DG). The Endowment Fund has three stated purposes:
 - a. Provide support to projects that enhance the goals of the UUFCC.
 - b. Fund projects specifically mentioned by the donor, given that the project meets UUFCC goals and the gift is financially sufficient to complete the goal.
 - c. Provide emergency funds (loans or gifts) to support the UUFCC during times when the existence of the UUFCC is threatened by insufficient funds.

Last year the E&DG added a new category called the “Memorial Accumulation Fund” that enables the E&DG Committee to help financially with any of the fellowship’s unforeseen events.

The Building Expansion Fund will hold all monies received from a capital campaign.

2. Chalice Lighting and Opening Reflection for October: Peter Jurs
Helen Volz opened the meeting with information from the Harvest the Power workshops—available online.
3. Changes to agenda: Several additions were made.
4. Approval of August 11 minutes
John Schmidt moved to approve the August minutes; Helen Dempsey seconded. Note: We should identify “Helens” by their last name or initial. The minutes were approved.
5. Reports
 - a. Minister – Mark submitted a written report. For upcoming Sunday services, Mark asked board members to present a 3-5 minutes sharing about their vision and dreams for the futures of the fellowship. As a complement to that, he could invite newer members to talk about their vision.
 - b. DLRE – Jean reports that she has enough teachers.
 - c. Music Director – Reports from Matt begin next month

d. Trustee liaison reports

- 1) Brenda Black on Leadership Development
Brenda discussed the original charge of the leadership review committee. The committee was to deal with both staff and volunteer members. Since it became the Personnel Committee, it reviews only the paid staff. There is no committee to deal with volunteer leadership. The Board looked at the charges of the committee to determine which were relevant. Helen, Maureen, and Brenda will continue to review those and develop some ideas about how to initiate plans for the leadership development of volunteers.
- 2) Andy Lau – Finance Committee and Capital Campaign
The Finance Committee met with Frankie Price Stern to plan what needs to be done for a successful campaign. Andy's impression is that this capital campaign is a large endeavor that will require many committed people to put it together. John Schmidt said he has already identified some capable people to serve on the capital campaign finance committee.
- 3) Stevie Rocco – Stevie offered to do a series of flowcharts for the fellowship that show the roles of leaders and committees and who can approve the expenditures on any particular committee.
- 4) Treasurer – Peter submitted a report. The board discussed where to put ongoing costs for technology such as Church Date Base, backup subscription, etc.

e. Program Council – Helen Dempsey: The Program Council minutes were reviewed.

6. Old Business

- a. More information on Frankie Price Stern's visit: John Schmidt
John said that we will be ready for Frankie's visit September 18-23. She will send us a report after her visit that will remain confidential until she presents it to our congregation on November 15. John Schmidt will head up the preparation of the Case Statement with some help from others. Three teams are needed. John would like to lead the overall team. Wayne Osgood has tentatively agreed to be the finance chair and Sara Schumacher has agreed to serve on that team. Lois Durran has agreed to chair the fundraising team. John S. would like to have Andy Lau be on the building team. Stevie moved that John oversee this effort. Andy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Follow-up on WPSU ad: Helen Dempsey
Helen D. sent a proposal from WPSU-FM for underwriting announcements for the year. If we pooled people's money, we would be able to afford underwriting. We need to be sure that WPSU-FM has individual donor names as WPSU members so that they receive their program guide. Peter moved that the board approve the concept of moving forward with the plan to become an underwriter of WPSU-FM, with details to be worked out. John S. seconded. The motion carried. Michal Stump will be in charge of getting the word out.

- c. Technology Team Report – Stevie reported the Technology Committee said we should go ahead with both a new website and ChurchDB. Stevie will attend the Program Council meeting to present the “big picture” of how to proceed and to discuss the political implications of distributing the work.

7. New Business

- a. Kitchen policy – The Program Council supported the current kitchen policy. The Board agreed to support the policy.
- b. Certificates of Appreciation - Three certificates will be given this time. If we think of other folks in the fellowship who should be appreciated, let Helen V. know.
- c. Candidates for the Nominating Committee – We need a total of 5. If anyone has suggestions, please speak to Helen V.
- d. Building Closing – Stevie in September, Brenda in October. Hospitality is supposed to unplug the coffeemaker and turn off the dishwasher.
- e. Public use of UUFCC name –The Social Action Committee would like to show that their work is supported by the UUFCC. As of now they could use “Social Action Committee, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Centre County,” or “Board, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Centre County.” Broader sponsorship would have to be voted on at the mid-year meeting. The first Sunday collection raised \$1040 for Healthcare for All PA.