

Minutes of the UUFCC Board Meeting

January 15, 2008

Revised and approved Feb. 19, 2008

Lois Durran called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Lois Durran, Marian Dornell, Mark Hayes, Andy Lau, Bob Newnham, Paula Ralph, Ken Riznyk, John Schmidt, Jean Wiant, Arian Zarkower and were present.

1. **Chalice lighting & sharings.** Lois Durran asked Board members to share their thoughts on, “Is there anything happening at the Fellowship that you are especially excited or enthusiastic about?”
2. **Approval of the minutes.** The minutes from the December 11, 2007 Board meeting were approved some minor corrections. Marian Dornell made the motion to approve; John Schmidt seconded. The motion carried.
3. **Minister’s report.** Mark Hayes sent out a written report prior to the meeting. Mark shared a letter from Rev. Dr. Randolph W.B. Becker and an open letter in response from Beth McGregor, Chair of the General Assembly (GA) Planning Committee, related to concerns about the site for GA this year. The GA Planning Committee has decided to move ahead with plans to hold GA at the Ft. Lauderdale convention center, even though new homeland security measures will require that all attendees will have to present some form of government I.D. (because of the convention center’s location in a port.) Many UU member congregations have expressed concerns about the possible infringement of freedom of speech and non-discrimination policies. After some discussion, the Board decided that the situation did not call for a boycott of the event, but that a letter from our congregation expressing our feelings about the decision would be appropriate. The Board will ask the Social Action Committee to draft the letter.
4. **Director of Lifespan Religious Education report.** Jean Wiant sent out a written report prior to the meeting.
5. **Music Director’s report.** Matt Travis sent out a written report prior to the meeting.
6. **Treasurer’s report.** Ken Riznyk distributed a budget report prior to the meeting.
7. **Trustee liaison areas.** No reports this month.
8. **Program Council.** John Schmidt sent out the minutes from the Dec. 18, 2007 Program Council meeting prior to the meeting.
9. **Leadership Training Module.** Jean Wiant led a training module on “Becoming an Angel’s Advocate.” Paula will lead next month’s training module.
10. **New Business.**
 - a. **Budget discussion.** Lois Durran asked the Board for a decision about whether the proposal that the piano repair task force is preparing should come to the Board or the Program Council. It was decided that it should come to the Board. Paula Ralph asked the Board to consider whether playground maintenance expenses should continue to come from the Kids and Family Fund or be covered by the Annual Budget. The Board decided to include playground maintenance expenses as under the Grounds base budget starting this year.
 - b. **Review Frankie’s visit.** Lois Durran previewed a script that will be followed during stewardship visits as part of the Annual Budget Drive. It

was noted that these stewardship visits will be a chance to get feedback from everyone in the Fellowship, which will in turn help inform Long Range Planning. Lois asked Board members to think about the next steps that Frankie Price Stern recommended in her presentation to the Board last Sunday.

- c. **Board Job Descriptions.** John Schmidt had asked at last month's meeting for Board members to draft job descriptions of their Board positions. Board members shared and discussed their drafts. Please send your draft job description to Paula Ralph, who will work on getting them into a uniform format.
- d. **Leadership Development.** Lois Durran asked Board Members to think about who would be good candidates to attend the UUA Leadership Team Institute next summer. Marion Dornell mentioned that Tracey Robinson Harris, mentor for the UUFCC group that went to last summer's training workshop, has offered to come to the Fellowship for a follow up visit. Board members should also submit candidate names to the Nominating Committee for three Board positions that will open up in May - Secretary, President Elect, and one Liaison Trustee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Ralph

Upcoming important dates

All Congregational meeting	Jan. 20
February Board meeting	Feb. 12, 2008
Program Council dream budget meeting	Sat., Jan. 19, 2007, 9am-12pm
Frankie Price Stern visit	Feb. 15-17
Annual Meeting	May 18