

**UUFCC Program Council meeting  
April 15, 2008, 7:00 pm**

**Minutes of the April 2008 Joint Program Council and Board Meeting**

Attending: John Schmidt, HPArchitects, Ron Smith, Andy Lau, Helen Volz, Barb Hunziker, Jean Wiant, Mark Hayes, Arian Zarkower, Bev Henshaw, Lois Durran, Bob Newnham, Fred Volz, Jan Wuest

1. Chalice Lighting
2. Reminder about Covenant
3. New business: HPArchitects, building expansion discussion
  - HPArchitects provided the Board and Program Council with a guide that includes a review of the 2005 feasibility study. The study establishes where we are today, some cost estimates, design details, and a project timeline. The plans were drawn from the Expansion Task Force Report from 2004 and addresses RE and program space as well as additional administrative space, weekend and weekday building use, eco-sensitive design, storage, and accessibility. The architects see the guide as a living document to be studied and used to enlarge, scale down or enhance any building expansion plans.
  - Questions from the Board and Program Council were addressed. Some members present were not familiar with the guide and therefore not prepared to discuss the plan at length.
3. Approval of minutes from March 18, 2008
4. Rep Report
  - May 5 is the deadline to get committee reports to Susan for the Annual Meeting on May 18.
  - a. Communication, Nothing to report
  - b. Community Life, Bev Henshaw:
    - A letter from Karen Norris to Bev outlined the challenges of having a successful retreat at Stone Valley this July. We would need 80 reservations to cover costs, last year we had 40; the lake is already drained, so water activities are out. There are new rock climbing walls, but they are not designed for beginners. The Program Council felt that the retreat should be canceled this year. Helen Volz suggested that someone might wish to organize and offer a weekend day retreat at the fellowship.
    - Bob Herron, from the Endowment Committee, would like to have a pedestal built for Memorial Day that would hold a book containing a list of members who have given generous donations to the UUFCC. John said

the Endowment Committee comes under the Board, and any decision to include a new item in the sanctuary should be approved by the aesthetics committee.

- c. Property, Nothing to report
  - d. Religious Education, Nothing to report
  - e. Social Action, Bob Newnham:
    - Bob is very pleased with the Committee's local focus. The Peace Vigils, the Commitment Ceremony and the First Sunday Plate Collections have positively affected a wider community. The State College Borough Council voted to support the Peace Center and the Social Action Committee is getting requests from organizations like the Clearwater Conservancy to have an opportunity to request congregational support. The collection in May will be donated to the Planned Parenthood Organization of Susquehanna Valley.
  - f. Sunday Service, Helen Volz:
    - The Induction Loop System for the sanctuary was approved by the Board. The money to finance the cost was promised and accepted as a special gift. Wendy Snetsinger met with the installer, Tom Gallagher, to work out some aesthetic details.
  - g. Youth, Andrea Hendershot, Nothing to report
5. Old business
- a. Discussion and prioritizing next year's dream budget:
    - The Board and Finance Committee will be meeting to make the final decision about the proposed budget.
  - b. Nominees for Rep positions (Communications, Social Action, Youth, Sunday Services):
    - John has contacted possible nominees and is waiting for responses. Helen Volz has emailed her committee members.
  - c. Calendar
  - d. Outreach:
    - Laura Brown will present the Seder/Social Justice Project to the Program Council in May. The April newsletter contained an announcement of the project and of a meeting to be held at the April 9 WSW. The project was listed as a congregation-wide justice program that will culminate in a trip to Puerto Rico in March of 2009. Those members participating are brushing up on their Spanish and will continue their fund-raising efforts by providing lunch before the Annual Meeting.
      - The structure and process of the Social Justice Project was not presented to the Social Action Committee, the Board or the Program Council. Laura can address any questions the Program Council may have about how to bring independent projects, like the Seder, into the structure and process so that the congregation stays informed.
  - e. Inserts in the Order of Service:

- Mark & Jean will screen any requests for inserts early in the week so Susan has them by Wednesday to add to the program.
  - f. Summer Meetings: Last year the Program Council met in June and August.
6. Future business items
- a. Building expansion discussion
  - b. Laura Brown's input about the Seder/Social Justice Project
  - c. Summer schedule for the Program Council
  - d. Nominees for positions on the Program Council

Next meeting, May 20, 7:00 pm