

UUFCC Program Council

September 16, 2008 7:00 pm

Minutes

Attendees – Jean Wiant, Barb Hunziker, John Schmidt, Mark Hayes, Helen Volz, Michal Stump, Ruth Miller, Bev Henshaw, Peg Dobrinska, Ken Riznyk, Chloe Schmidt, Guest: John Schmidt

1. Chalice lighting
2. Reminder about Covenant
3. Approval of minutes – Barb moved and Michal seconded that the minutes from the August 19, 2008 be approved as corrected.
4. Changes to agenda - None
5. Representative reports
 - 1) **Communication**, Michal Stump – See attached written report. A discussion of nonchurch business on enews was postponed as was a discussion of whether podcasts should be continued. Michal said later that we should send Sunday Service topics and music to Peggy to get them out ahead of time
 - 2) **Community Life**, Bev Henshaw
 - a) Campus ministry Jamie Barber is working with John Schmidt.
 - b) Caring Committee The committee will send gas cards to long distance travelers again.
 - c) Small Group Ministry will have an informational get together on Nov. 7.
 - d) Membership is discussing the procedures for emeritus status. Information from interviews with new members about their interests will go to committee chairs. It is important for the chairs to make contact with interested people.
 - 3) **Property**, Peg Dobrinska –no report
 - 4) **Religious Education**, Barb Hunziker – Family time is tomorrow night with a barbecue. They need help in preparing future meals. About half of the families eligible for RE are registered.
 - 5) **Social Action**, Ken Riznyk
 - a) First Sunday donations The new plan is to have two deadlines a year for possible recipients to be considered. The committee will screen them based on need and

compatibility with our mission. Six will be selected by the congregation at the annual and six at the midyear meeting to receive the first Sunday plate collections.

- b) Puerto Rico Trip - Five people have confirmed and sent in their money. We will need 14 people to have the trip. The group has contacted the Harrisburg UU to see if they are interested in the PR trip. Helen also suggested contacting the Altoona UU. The group believes that they can raise \$900-\$1000 from window washing. They canceled the first car washing due to rain.

- 6) **Sunday Services**, Ruth Miller – Mark said the Sunday Services Committee had a retreat this year. Worship 101 will be held by Mark this year from 9:00 until noon on Saturday October 25. John said he heard complaints about people walking into the service through the social room door. The induction loop system has gotten good reports and we now have an additional headset. We should add a note about it in advertising and publicity from the church.

- 7) **Youth**, Chloe Schmidt said the lock in was fun. The group is planning and organizing. They do not yet have officers.

6. Old Business

- 1) Book for Every Child Scheduling – Jean said Nancy requested the use of room 6 for storing closed boxes Nov 20-22 and Dec 7-13. They would like to have more money donated than books this year, so that the committee can select the books. Some events on the calendar have been canceled, moved, or notified of a time limit to accommodate this program.
- 2) Written vs. Verbal Representative reports – Written reports are good as backups to Oral reports. It would be good to email a written report to members of PC and give verbal highlights at the meeting.
- 3) Report on Covenant – Bev presented a written PC covenant and gave out postcards so members could add suggestions. She would like someone to work on the responsibilities. She will email the covenant to us to make changes.

7. New Business

- 1) “A Christmas Carol” - Helen asked whether we should ask Tony Lentz to read “A Christmas Carol” again for the benefit of the Fuel Assistance Program. The group was in favor of this and Ken will discuss it with the Social Action Committee.
- 2) Sock Hop - Marian Dornell had suggested that the band do a sock hop as a fundraiser. The group agreed this was a good idea, but thought it would be fun as an intergenerational social even rather than a fundraiser. Saturday February 14 is the proposed date.

- 3) Leadership Workshop – A UU Leadership Day is scheduled for Oct. 11 in Cherry Hill, NJ. There is a reduced rate for 5 people and for Fair Share congregations.
- 4) Board items FYI—The board is reconstituting the Fellowship Relations Committee. The Long Range Planning Committee will have a congregational meeting on Oct. 26 to discuss the current building expansion plan. This will be followed by small group meetings with the congregation and voting for a plan at the mid-year meeting in November.
- 5) Bulletin Board for non UU activities - Six members voted in favor of putting this bulletin board in the social room where the painting is now. Mark pointed out that someone must be responsible for keeping up the board. People who want to post community activities will drop things in a box and the person in charge will post them. Mark will screen the items. Peg will ask the aesthetics committee to find a new location for the painting.
- 6) Term limits – Laura Brown asked the committee to begin a discussion on term limits. We reviewed and discussed the by-laws relating to this. Helen will contact Laura.
- 7) In and Out funds – After discussion the Council agreed that only the Memorial Garden and the Picture Directory monies should remain in the in and out funds. All others should go back to the appropriate committees with the understanding that they must be spent by the end of the fiscal year.
- 8) Accomplishments – The list of accomplishments that Lois Durran compiled was distributed. It will be used for brochures for the budget drive. Several people suggested additions to the list.
8. Calendars - Helen distributed October events calendars for the Council to review.

For next meeting – **October21**

- a. Review committee job descriptions
- b. Begin discussion of how we set priorities for our dream budget.
- c. 11:30 Lifelong Learning Hour – should committees meet then?

Ruth Miller, Scribe