

Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Community

Board of Directors Meeting

October 17, 2007

Minutes

Present: Liz Woedl, Ken Stern, Sallie Killian, Amy Driscoll, Ann Fuehrer, Genevieve O'Malley Knight, Mary Fox, Pete Carels.

Chalice Lighting/Checking In: Everyone shared their thoughts on hopes for Hopedale.

Minutes: There were no changes to the September minutes, which were then approved.

Treasurer's Report: Written report was submitted by Ken. This is the first month of the new fiscal year. There was a good income from pledges over the last month, which brings the percent to 95.84%. The second Sunday collection money still needs to be mailed out. The amount for the building fund account that is owed was questioned. When compared to last month the amount had been 15,760. Currently the amount is listed as 26,670. This difference will be investigated. The report was accepted – see printed version for further details.

President's Report: Written report was submitted by Liz. 1) Powermall was not endorsed by the Finance Committee. It was discussed that Gisela should be told this in a sensitive way as to avoid too many hurt feelings. 2) An updated Bylaw Revision Draft was mailed out to members. 3) Nancy Combs Morgan was concluding interviews and her report was expected before the Congregational Meeting. 4) MAARC was noted to be MARCC, which stands for Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Greater Cincinnati. 5) We are behind on dues to the UUA. 6) We are officially a Welcoming Congregation.

Committee Reports:

VP -Religious Services: Written report submitted by Sallie. December 30th there is no service planned and no volunteers due to the holidays. It was decided that we would like to note the need for volunteers in the newsletter, and that we should not close on this day. The Social Action Committee would like to do a service on light bulbs. There is a folder somewhere that has been used in the past which has services that lay people could give.

RE is still having trouble finding volunteers.

VP -Administrative Services: Pete reported that we can use the dumpster for household construction garbage until it is taken away. Liz had brought in shades to help with the glare on the piano music, and brought in fabric for valences.

VP -Member Services: Written report submitted by Mary. They met with Amy West Poley on Sunday 9-30 to work on the directory. Contacts are being made regarding remaining in the

directory. Letters were sent to four members to inquire about continuing membership. Count of members will be provided at the Congregational Meeting.

They are working with LifeSpan committee regarding Hootenannies and Outreach events for families. Hootenanny attendance was lower than desired last time. Two events are coming up on Nov 17th – Glitter and Glue, and Dec 15th – Holiday dinner. Postcards were created for the congregation to send to friends for “Come home to Hopedale.” Membership also sent letters to 25 members they haven’t seen for a while.

VP -Outreach: Written report submitted by Genevieve. On October 5th an ad was run in the Oxford Press. An advertising package was ordered from the UUA Bookstore. A news release is being planned to announce that we are a Welcoming Congregation and regarding the changed light bulbs. The presidents of Spectrum have also been contacted to plan a celebration with them.

Old Business: The Power Mall proposal was discussed. The reason why the Finance Committee recommended against it was not stated in their letter. It was felt that we should support their decision, with all in favor. (Ann made motion, Amy seconded motion)

New Business: Plans for the Fall Congregational Meeting were discussed. The board agreed to provide snacks. Liz planned to ask Lara Thurston about babysitting then, and ask Terry Perlin to be Parliamentarian.

Sallie discussed Operations and Procedures. Detailed committee job descriptions are needed, with a deadline of February 1st for the initial response. Membership committee just updated theirs February 2007 and does not need to be revised.

Second Sunday collection was discussed. Genevieve suggested that we split ½ the total collection instead of passing around 2 different collections. This will be investigated further as far as how to do this and who to give donations to before voting on this.

November Board meeting was changed to the 28th due to the holidays.

Genevieve suggested looking into having a Community Garden on the property.

Ken brought up the question of how to involve church members in planning for future and transitions.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Amy Driscoll.