

Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Community
Board of Directors Meeting
August 22,2007
Minutes

Present: Liz Woedl, Jessica Kopp, Ken Stern, Sallie Killian, Amy Driscoll, Ann Fuehrer, Genevieve O'Malley Knight, Mary Fox, Rev. Kathryn Hawbaker, Cindie Ulreich.

Chalice Lighting: quotation and lighting done by Reverend Kat.

Checking In: Everyone shared their thoughts on their greatest challenge to overcome as a child.

Membership report: Cindie brought a proposal to the board to try out a new policy on avoiding "needy behaviors" for September and October. This included trying not to appear needy during announcements, no business talk during social hour, no meetings right after church, and avoiding being "clicky".

Minutes: A few corrections to the July 25 minutes were noted and will be changed with a revised copy sent out.

Treasurer's Report: Report was given by Ken. Ann arrived later due to her mother being in the hospital. Good news on pledge collections. In this report we should be at 83.33% and the collections are at 83.05%. The budget was not balanced this month, with a surplus of \$733.21 not yet accounted for. Report was approved by all.

President's Report: 1)A thank you note was written and signed during the meeting, for Andy Wallace for his help with the yard sale. 2)The Heartland district has responded with a meeting date for interviews of church members on Saturday Sept. 8th. 3) Leadership positions which have been filled include Ori Lauks as housing and property point person, and Tom Wright as youth group leader. 4) Bilaws revisions are close to complete, and included for review. 5) Liz noted that the grievance by Evelyn Ruth had been dropped.

Ministers Report: Kat submitted a written report. She has worked on an open file system of resources for all leaders to continue using as a reference. She also created a list of her activities to consider having a member pick up and continue. A clarification was made that there was not a social action committee meeting last month.

VP -Religious Services: Written report submitted by Sallie, regarding working on topics and speakers for services.

VP -Administrative Services: Written report submitted by Pete. Gisela proposed joining a buyers club called "My Power Mall" where a portion of purchases can be

donated to a cause of one's choice (such as Hopedale). It was agreed that we need more information and reviews about how this works, such as from the BBB, Angie's List, attorney general's office.

Pete met with the insurance company about the Moon Coop fall. They discussed snow and ice being tracked in at that time versus a leak. Liz suggested that we review our contract with Moon Coop with a lawyer to be sure it is written correctly.

VP -Member Services: (Was discussed earlier per Cindie)

VP -Outreach: Report by Genevieve. Amy Fox may join social action committee. There was an article in the Oxford Press on the Oxford Bible Fellowship's minister who was retiring. She asked if we thought Hopedale should do a similar article.

Old Business: The minutes from the Saturday discussion with the congregation that were taken by Ann were reviewed. Ken added comments about the work that the last board did in the winter and spring of 2007.

New Business: The calander was reviewed and will be updated. The fall congregational meeting was planned for October 28th.

Ken asked about meetings for the bylaws revisions – if there would need to be 2 meetings to review the changes. It was planned to meet once, send out revisions, and then vote on the bylaws at the fall congregational meeting.

Who should be interviewed for the HUUD September 8th interviews?

Mary suggested Carol Hennessey, Neil Danielson, and a diverse group of members to represent us.

Ken suggested both old and new boards meet with the representative.

Liz was not sure this would be helpful or recommended and will ask her how this should be done.

Ken suggested including Jessica Kopp and Carol Scroczyński.

Kat suggested Laurel Jones and Rich Canter.

Executive session was then held.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Amy Driscoll.