

Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Community

Board of Directors Meeting

November 28, 2007

Minutes

Present: Liz Woedl, Sallie Killian, Amy Driscoll, Ann Fuehrer, Genevieve O'Malley Knight, Mary Fox, Pete Carels. Guests – Evelyn Ruth Thompson, Tom Wright.

Chalice Lighting/Checking In: Everyone shared their recent experiences.

Minutes: There were no further changes to the October minutes, which were then unanimously approved. A special thank you was noted for Tom Wright stepping in as Parliamentarian for the Fall Congregation meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Written report was submitted by Ann. As of November 1st she had taken over all treasurer duties, as Ken has stepped down. The budget is balanced. Any differences noted are due to checks that have not cleared yet. The budget was approved by all (Motion by Mary, Second by Pete).

A projector was purchased by Mort Meier. This should be reimbursed from the music fund.

The health plan for Kat will not be paid and will be cancelled, as was agreed previously. She has not received any severance pay yet for the 3 months that were agreed upon. Ann will discuss this with Liz.

President's Report: Written report was submitted by Liz.

- 4) Thank you to Ann for catching up dues and maintaining our "fair share" status.

- 5) Thank you to Genevieve and Ann for working on payments for 2nd Sunday collections.
- 8) A policy for intergenerational services will be discussed later.

Committee Reports:

VP -Religious Services: Written report submitted by Sallie. Evelyn Ruth noted that she has scheduled Mary Ann Williams from the Heartland District to speak in February. She was also here a few years ago as a consultant.

VP -Administrative Services: Written report submitted by Pete. Liz asked that the finance committee review the Insurance Policy.

There is a lock and key for the spare room, which will need to be used to safely store the new projector.

Ann stated there is a need to know where funds for reimbursement should come from, and that committee chairs should note this when submitting requests.

VP -Member Services: Celia Knight submitted a written report. This was accidentally omitted from the board notes and will be emailed to all board members to review.

VP -Outreach: Genevieve reported that the Green Sanctuary service is being planned for a Sunday in December. The second Sunday collection in December will be for NAMI. Pete and Genevieve went to the Cincinnati Civic Garden Center meeting to learn more about planning a community garden. Their topic that day was about site selection. Future topics, every 2 weeks, should be more informative.

Old Business: 1) Fall Congregational Meeting - Pete will remind the finance committee that the budget needs to be approved at the Spring Congregational Meeting. A draft of the minutes from this meeting will be emailed to board members and made public for the congregation to see.

- 2) Updates on Operations and Procedures submissions – Finance Committee will work on adding more details to their description. Other submissions are being submitted.
- 3) Second Sunday collection – should the plate be split instead? Sallie stated that she likes to have a separate collection, and feels that this is more meaningful to her. Mary agreed. Sallie noted she would like to have the amount collected shared with the congregation afterwards. Everyone agreed that this is a good idea. We will continue to have a second collection. Checks should be written to Hopedale, with the memo stating Second Sunday.

New Business: 1) Affirmation of HUUC leadership. Gretchen and Elenor will be off the list when Eunice is added in December. Evelyn Ruth would like to be the representative for the UU Council of Greater Cincinnati. Carol Scroczyński is organizing circle dinners. Ken Stern has officially resigned. The list was approved by all (Motion by Pete, second by Genevieve).

2) Commission on Opportunities. The charge for the commission was heard in many different ways and a statement is needed. Leadership needs to be determined, and Robert Bell has been mentioned as a possibility. Sallie suggested that we need a time frame for things to happen, and feels a sense of urgency to have information before the spring meeting. Tom agrees that urgency is important but feels it is more important to get it right. The opportunity to be on the committee needs to be presented to the whole community since not everyone knows that it exists. Evelyn Ruth suggested that we could have town hall style meetings for the Commission on Opportunities to hear everyone's concerns. She noted that we should strive to achieve consensus. Liz suggested that we try to make decisions before the Miami community members leave for the summer. Sallie would like to know if Nancy is going to give us a written report of recommendations, rather than drawing suggestions out of the congregation. Pete suggested that the committee try to focus on the positive aspects of everything. Mary felt that it is important to get opinions from all of the congregation members and friends. Sallie said this may be a good time to reexamine our covenant. Liz stated we need to decide what charge to give the committee.

Charge to Commission on Opportunities:

Keeping the process inclusive and transparent,

- To collect input on what we would like HUUC to be, utilizing previous efforts (such as canvas cards, August meeting minutes, etc), and making reasonable attempts to contact all members and friends.
- To identify strategies for achieving these goals on the basis of consensus.
- To make recommendations to the board prior to presenting a report at the Spring Congregational Meeting.

Charge was approved by all (Motion by Pete, Second by Mary).

Volunteers for the committee will be taken until December 16th.

Other items under new business were tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Amy Driscoll.