

**Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Community
Board of Directors Meeting
September 19, 2007 Minutes**

Present: Liz Woedl, Sallie Killian, Ann Fuehrer, Ken Stern, Genevieve O'Malley Knight, Mary Fox, Peter Carels. Visitor: Gisela Bahr.

Chalice Lighting: words and chalice lighting done by Liz.

Checking in: We all shared our experiences of the changing autumn season, and shared news.

MYPOWERMALL.com pitch: Good fundraising opportunity through Together We Can Change The World (7 months old, Business Bureau and State of Ohio report no complaints), whose money making division is POWERMALL. They have 130 stores from which we can shop personally and by business. A percentage would come to Hopedale.

Minutes: Minutes of the August 22, 2007 Board meeting were reviewed. Several corrections of spelling were noted: Wallis, Orié Loucks, by-laws. Peter Carels was present. The minutes were accepted as corrected (Moved Fox, Second Carels).

Treasurer's Report: Ken provided a written Treasurer's Report for August, the last month in the fiscal year. We will likely collect about 95% of pledges, with a slight spending deficit for the year likely. Liz thanked Ken for bringing a balanced report. The Report was accepted (Moved Carels, Second O'Malley Knight).

President's Report: Liz submitted a written report. In addition, we did receive a query from Ed Loomis, a recent graduate of Mead Lombard. He is looking for a part-time appointment. Liz told him that we weren't ready to call an interim minister.

Liz also got a call from our insurance agent. They want to talk with us about additional forms of insurance. Liz will forward the information to Peter, who can share it with the Finance Committee.

We will have an Executive Session meeting at the end of the meeting tonight. The contents of all Executive Sessions should remain confidential.

VP-Religious Services: Written report submitted by Sallie.

VP-Administrative Services: The Finance Committee met to talk about the proposed budget, and how to get input from VP's and committee chairs. We will have an internal audit in December.

Housing and Property Committee met awhile ago; the two big projects are dealing with the drainage problem, and building a shed. Expenditures to fix the drainage problem should be less than anticipated. Genevieve inquired about purchasing a stove—we need to check realities with J Elliott. Wire that does sidewalk lights needs to be spliced. Toilet in kitchen bathroom may be starting to run.

VP-Member Services: Mary submitted a written report. Nine people who attended Hootenanny had a blast; we wish more people had attended. Mary would like to have one a month.

VP-Outreach: No Denominational Committee, Communications moving along, Social Action partnering with Green Sanctuary is getting ready to kick-off its “How many UU’s does it take to change 100 light bulbs?” campaign.

Executive Session: No minutes were taken.

New Business:

- **Budget:** We went through a proposed budget in considerable detail at the last Finance Committee meeting. We are still waiting for input from Vice Presidents and committee chairs. Discussion: \$11, 442 paid back to Building Fund would be what is left over after projected income and projected expenses. Fiscal year would remain September 1, 2007-August 31, 2008. Publicity should be changed to \$1,000. Hospitality should be changed to \$150. Ken is lobbying with UUA in Boston to have our membership number recorded as 66 rather than 72. Why two Development categories? For District consultation (A \$2,000 commitment), sending representatives to Leadership school, training activities for the entire church. \$150 should be in Directory, more should be in hospitality. Ministerial search in next fiscal year? No, there should be some budget for it this year, \$2,500. Many people in favor of paying back Building Fund. Ken and Genevieve will work to clean up the Budget. The proposed budget was accepted (Moved Fox, Seconded O’Malley Knight).
- **Operations and Procedures:** Tabled.
- **By-laws:** Strongly suggested by Finance Committee that we not change fiscal year. Typos corrected. President has lots of responsibility, but it is better to have known quantities made explicit. In amendments, Genevieve clarified language. In sections on Absentee Ballots and Proxies, clarification is needed. Liz is keeping master copy, and it will be sent out to congregation by September 28. The version as amended/corrected was accepted (Moved Killian, Seconded Carels).
- **Fall Congregational Meeting agenda items:**
- Report from President on District interaction with Hopedale on where we go from here.
 - * Bylaw revision.
 - * Budget proposal.
- Housing and Property will take care of making arrangements for and monitoring building security on ILR class days.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

