

# Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Community

## Board of Directors Meeting

March 19th, 2008

### Minutes

**Present:** Liz Woedl, Sallie Killian, Amy Driscoll, Ann Fuehrer, Pete Carels, Mary Fox.  
Guest – Eunice Meadows.

**Chalice Lighting/Checking In:** Recent events were shared.

**Leadership/Nominating Committee:** Eunice was here to share her good news. The two open positions on the board each have a candidate running for those positions. They are Gretchen Ziolkowski for Secretary, and Kim Jacobs Beck for Vice President, Religious Services. Voting will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Spring Congregational Meeting. The board thanked the committee for their work. It was noted that we still need a chair for Sunday Services. Ann emphasized the need for having an active personnel committee.

**Minutes:** Two changes were noted, which were then unanimously approved. (Motion by Sallie, second by Ann).

**Treasurer's Report:** Written report was submitted by Ann. 50 % of the fiscal year is now over. Currently 54% of the budget has been spent. Income is currently at 58%, which is just ahead of expenses. Update on the bank accounts - \$5,000 was taken from the operating fund and put in to the building fund, leaving a total owed on the building fund of \$5,000. Moon Coop and ILR are still contributing to our income at this point. (These leases have continued longer than expected). Motion to approve by Pete, second by Amy. All were in favor.

**President's Report:** Written report was submitted by Liz. 1) We need to determine which position will be open, Personnel Committee or LifeSpan RE, and then work on filling that position. 3,4,5) Liz expressed her anxiety and hopes to get things moving forward for our congregation and not to develop "analysis paralysis."

**Committee Reports:**

**VP -Religious Services:** Sallie Killian. Sallie is concerned that the Sunday Services Committee is small and has no leader and a large burden of work. Services have not yet been planned at all for the summer. There have been 2-3 offers from ministers to provide part time services for our church. A few board members noted concerns about the lower number of members attending services in the month of March.

**VP-Member Services:** Mary Fox. Mary has not been able to contact Celia therefore had no report for today.

**VP -Outreach:** Genevieve O'Malley Knight. Genevieve was absent tonight.

**VP -Administrative Services:** Pete Carels submitted a revised budget wish list. Travel money for GA in Florida was noted to not be on this list. The guest minister expenses were decreased to \$6300. Leadership development was decreased to \$2000. Hospitality was decreased to \$130. The budget will need to be reviewed for priorities after the canvass. Total was 71,800.

**Commission on Opportunities:** Pete Carels submitted a written report. This did not include the meeting they just had tonight before the board meeting. It was noted that the input collected from the 3 workshops demonstrated divided viewpoints for what direction Hopedale should proceed in.

**Old Business:** Updates are still needed for Operations and Procedures from the Social Action Committee and the Leadership/Nominating Committee. Draft budget was discussed earlier.

**New Business:** 1) The insurance companies have advised that we increase our insurance rate by \$600 to cover liability for officers and consultants, along with sexual misconduct. The board will need to investigate further to determine if this is actually needed for a congregation our size. This type of insurance would require expense records for a few years back and fingerprinting of anyone working with the children. 2) Canvass – We will check with Celia to see what help she needs. 3) Bed and Breakfasts – It was felt that it is not the board’s role to decide what the charge should be for this service. The donations to the church are appreciated. 4) Spring Congregational Meeting – We will bring finger food snacks to share. 5) Need for Personnel Committee – This position might be covered by just one person. We need to have subcontractor contracts for positions such as the babysitter. 6) Co-sponsorship request – The Progressive Christians of Oxford are cosponsoring a film called ‘For the Bible Tells Me So,’ April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The movie follows 5 religious families whose children are GLBT, and how these families react. We agreed that as a welcoming congregation we would spend \$200 from denominational affairs to help sponsor the film. Motion to approve by Sallie, second by Amy, all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Amy Driscoll.