

Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Community

Board of Directors Meeting

May 21, 2008

Minutes

Present: Liz Woedl, Amy Driscoll, Ann Fuehrer, Pete Carels, Mary Fox, Genevieve O'Malley Knight, Gretchen Ziolkowski.

Chalice Lighting: Reading by Liz. Checking in.

Minutes: Typos were corrected, then revised minutes were unanimously approved. (Motion by Genevieve, second by Ann).

Treasurer's Report: Written report was submitted by Ann. 2/3 of the fiscal year is over, or 67%. We have collected 72% of pledges. There was a rug sale in the building for which they gave Hopedale 5% of their profit of \$10,000, which was \$500. The next rug sale will be in September. Income was greater than expenses by \$2,000. The fundraising expense noted was for the costs of dinner. Vegetable garden expenses were for timbers. At the bottom of the page under Second Sunday the figure should be - \$199.09.

The building fund amount owed is \$200 higher than last reported. Ann will transfer \$2,000 from the operating fund to the building fund. Mary made a motion to make this transfer. Genevieve seconded the motion. All were in favor. A notice will be put in the bulletin about this. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved by all members. (Pete made motion to accept, Amy seconded motion).

President's Report: Written report was submitted by Liz. There has been one volunteer so far for the Task Force on Spiritual Leadership. For Sunday Services Terry Perlin will be the chair until December. Liz wanted to make sure everybody on the board knows

that the board does not have the power to chose the next minister, as one member thought. The decision would be made by all of the members.

Committee Reports:

VP -Religious Services: Sallie Killian was absent. A written report was submitted. A summer services committee is needed, since this job is separate from the regular Sunday Services Committee. Terry Perlin attended one meeting for Sunday Services and sent in a written report.

VP -Administrative Services: Pete Carels. Fundraising will do a yard sale again this year. Housing and Property – the garden will be plowed soon.

VP-Member Services: Mary Fox. Chris Parker is attending a closer UU church in the Dayton area. She will still give a pledge to Hopedale and attend some services, but choses the closer location more often just due to the proximity to her.

VP -Outreach: Genevieve O'Malley Knight. There will be a publicity notice about the Hopedale Community included in a Miami student mailing in August.

Old Business: The Operations and Proceedures manual just received a submission from the Lifespan/RE group. All submissions should be reviewed and done by the end of summer.

Canvass/budget – Celia recommends planning the new budget based on a pledge income of \$50,000. The initial draft budget had an estimated income of \$56,000, or \$6,000 higher. Celia proposed some changes that would be a decrease of \$1,900. The minister search could be decreased by \$500. Amy suggested checking into changing the phone line to a cell phone, at a lower rate than the business land line. Genevieve calculated the total for denominational affairs using only the current 61 members to be \$5,541. The newsletter could be decreased by \$350 if more people used email and picked up their bulletins at church (saving postage). The surplus of \$1,341 will also be eliminated. Housing and Property could decrease their spending by \$1,380. They will have Orie work on this in areas such as electric, phone, and special projects. .

New Business: The online vote was affirmed by the board, to go ahead with the Task Force on Spiritual Leadership. Jessica Kopp has agreed to be on the task force. Other members will be called by Liz and Mary to see if they are interested in serving.

The Sunday Services year does not include the summer months. Genevieve suggested that different members be appointed to organize summer Sunday services. (planning from about March to June for the summer).

The next board meeting will be June 12th, Thursday, 6:30

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Amy Driscoll.