

**Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Community
Board of Directors Meeting
February 20th, 2008
Minutes**

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

Chalice Lighting/Checking In: Recent events were shared. Mary lit the chalice.

Minutes: Minor changes were noted, which were then unanimously approved. (Motion by Genevieve, second by Sallie).

Treasurer's Report: Written report was submitted by Ann. Report is for period ending January 21st. 42% of fiscal year is over, and 53% of pledges have been collected. Pledges have been coming in slower recently. Expenses include 3 months of severance pay to Kat that was sent out in December. The ending balance is negative, which is offset by the larger pledges from earlier in the year. A new CD was taken out – 15,000 instead of 10,000.

Ann submitted information for the newsletter about the budget and what our pledges are being used for, so the members have a better idea what the expenses are. Sallie moved to accept report, Pete seconded. All in favor.

Child care rates were also discussed again. It was agreed that we can not change the pay rate to \$15 during the middle of the year when last year it was \$20 for a Sunday service.

4) **President's Report:** Written report was submitted by Liz. 2) Nancy Combs Morgan has been ill and unable to finish our report from the fall. She did recommend a youth minister from St. John's as a possible facilitator for workshops. Liz will call Nancy again to keep asking about a finished report. 5) Hearing continued to be an issue for some members and is being worked on. 7) Thank you from Liz and the board to Amy for taking notes and rapidly getting the minutes done this year. Thank you to Sallie for all of her hard work in a challenging job this year and for being a "go between" committees person.

Committee Reports:

VP -Religious Services: Sallie Killian. Sallie asked permission to include a model sermon as an example on our web site, so that people shopping around and looking for a church to go to could get a better idea of who we are. It was agreed that this is a good idea. Liz asked if there will be a summer services subgroup for planning. Sallie stated that this is being arranged.

VP -Administrative Services: Pete Carels submitted a written report. This was the minutes from their meeting, which nicely detailed many needed repairs and improvements.

VP -Member Services: Mary Fox gave a report. Amy West Poley is updating the materials in the foyer. Member biographies are going to be added to the newsletter again, as had been done

in the past. The February hootenanny went very well with 20 people attending. Another hootenanny is planned for March 8th as a bowling night. April's will be the canvass night.

VP -Outreach: Genevieve gave a report. WMUB had a very nice piece on the Green Sanctuary status of Hopedale. There will also be an add again soon in the Oxford Press. The meeting with the Miami students for Peace and Social Justice went well.

Commission on Opportunities: Pete Carels reported. They have worked on a handout to use for the workshops coming up these next two weekends. They have listed all the positive and negative comments made over the last 2 years, and what people have liked and disliked. Liz asked about continued transparency of their meetings, and requested notes from the meetings also be submitted to the board.

Old Business: 1) Updates on Operations and Procedures submissions. The Sunday services committee job description is done. 6 board members approved, one abstained due to not having read it yet). Amy West Poley is compiling all of the finished committee descriptions. Liz asked if we are ready to put the committee descriptions in a binder to distribute and start using them. Genevieve said that Social Action Committee has not submitted theirs yet, along with some others. It was agreed to wait until all the reports are submitted. 2) Policy for Intergenerational Services was reviewed. Sallie moved to adopt. Ann seconded. Mary asked who would decide how many we would have per year. Life Span and Sunday Services would have to make this decision together. Ann said she hopes they will continue the August water service and the blessing of the beasts. All were in favor of adopting the policy. Thank you to Genevieve for rewriting this and to Carol Sroczynski for the policy.

New Business: 1) Draft budget was reviewed. Lights on Campus was included - \$100. Guest minister funds were increased. Housing and properties – electric and heating will be increased due to general price increases. Landscaping is increased. Special projects fund also greatly increased this section total. It was noted that we are uncertain what costs would be if a minister is acquired. We need a flexible budget due to transitions. Final budget needs to be voted on April 20th. Mary moved for approval, Genevieve seconded. All approved. 2) Canvass update – Saturday April 5th would work best. Pete motioned to approve, Amy seconded. All in favor. 3) Agenda for Spring congregational meeting includes a report from the president, election, budget approval, and report from the Commission on Opportunities, from the board.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Amy Driscoll.