

Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Community
Board of Directors Meeting
September 17, 2008
Minutes

Present: Kim Jacobs Beck, Peter Carels, Mary Fox, Ann Fuehrer, Liz Woedl, Gretchen Ziolkowski

Chalice Lighting: Opening remarks by Liz. Discussion of recent wind storm.

Minutes: Approved (motion by Ann, second by Peter).

Treasurer's Report: Written report submitted by Ann. The fiscal year is now over. 84% of the budgeted amount for the year was actually spent. The congregation has been fiscally responsible and is able to begin 2008-2009 on a healthy financial footing. Ann suggests that more attention be paid to the thermostat and energy usage. She does not want to transfer any funds at this point from Building savings to Operating expenses. Ann also proposed a motion, seconded by Mary, that expenditures be charged to the fiscal year in which they occur. All in favor.

President's Report: Written report submitted by Liz. Liz emphasized what a problem overt business talk before and after Sunday services is. Discussion followed and it was agreed that a written reminder to the congregation would be helpful.

Committee Reports:

VP-Religious Services: Oral report by Kim. Kim described concerns expressed by members of the congregation regarding the Task Force on Spiritual Leadership and the potential hiring of Linda Eppert as consulting minister. The Membership and Sunday Services Committees met together and discussed intergenerational and Christmas Eve services, Membership's concerns about the quality of services, and the need for service leader training to make services smoother.

VP-Administrative Services: Written report submitted by Peter. After discussion it was agreed to increase the fund raising figure by \$1500. This will give a budget surplus of \$341. The need for more outdoor lighting and repair of the back stoop and east wall was also discussed.

VP-Member Services: Oral report by Mary. The Membership Committee plans to meet together with Sunday Services twice a year, to update the directory this fall, and to host a greeter training meeting on October 5.

Old Business: Work on updates to Operations and Procedures will commence once Amy West Poley is ready.

New Business: In view of the recent storm, Mary brought up the need for emergency procedures. The Task Force on Spiritual Leadership recommendation was discussed. A move to accept and approve it as amended was made by Peter, second by Mary. All in favor. The need to publish a definition of consulting minister and hiring procedures was discussed. Also discussed were the identification of longterm goals: a settled minister; outreach, growth, and canvass; and social action. Peter brought up the possibility of our participating in the Tap project.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Gretchen Ziolkowski.