

Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Community

Board of Directors Meeting

April 18th, 2008

Minutes

Present: Liz Woedl, Amy Driscoll, Ann Fuehrer, Pete Carels, Mary Fox, Genevieve O'Malley Knight. Guests from Commission on Opportunities – Robert Bell, Evelyn Ruth Thompson, and Carol Sroczynski.

Chalice Lighting: Reading by Liz.

Commission on Opportunities (CO) Report: Thank you to the CO for their work and being here tonight. See typed summary for details of the report. Main focuses were on spiritual leadership and religious education. 10 major topics were identified. Appendix C with individual interviews will not be included in the public document due to sensitivity issues and keeping everyone's personal comments private. Names will be taken out.

On page 3 of the report #4 does not include the cost of travel reimbursement – this could add \$3-4,000 more.

Carol asked if the board will make recommendations based on this report at the spring congregational meeting. Liz replied that we need more time to analyze the report first. Carol noted that some of the major concerns identified were friendliness, publicity, and revisiting the mission statement.

Robert noted that they did not hear a lot about growth in the interviews.

Evelyn Ruth gave thanks to Robert for bringing the CO to a consensus on a lot of issues and providing leadership.

Robert will try to email the CO report before the Spring congregational meeting.

Minutes: One change was noted, then minutes were unanimously approved. (Motion by Pete, second by Ann, Genevieve abstained due to not being present last meeting).

Treasurer's Report: Written report was submitted by Ann. 58 % of the fiscal year is now over. Income has been more than expenses this month. There has been a good influx of pledges in March. A tax refund was received from Rumpke. The reason for this was uncertain, but likely due to overpayments. Under expenses, there are still outstanding childcare expenses due from the previous year. Motion to approve by Mary, second by Genevieve. All were in favor.

President's Report: Written report was submitted by Liz. 2) Thanks to Celia for organizing the Canvass hootenanny. 3) Thanks to the CO as mentioned above. 5) We will hear more about the meetings attended in the future. 6) There was a large issue with the kids making noise during the service last Sunday, in the old minister's office. Liz and Carol S. will work on the wording for a notice to put in the bulletin and signs to hang up, so that everyone understands the purpose of the different spaces, and how best to include the children in the services.

Committee Reports:

VP -Religious Services: Sallie Killian was absent. A summer services committee is needed.

VP -Administrative Services: Pete Carels. Finance committee did not meet. Housing committee – need special thank you to Jerry Thompson for the new benches put in place around the fire ring. They are looking at improved sign lighting options. There is a long list of maintenance issues. Thank you to members who do housekeeping regularly.

VP-Member Services: Mary Fox. Summer Hootenannies are being planned. Evelyn Ruth will no longer be a member due to the driving distance for her. She still plans to be involved however.

VP -Outreach: Genevieve O'Malley Knight. Lindsay is interested in working with the youth groups. This week on Friday at 5:30 the Globalization Gone Wild group will be here at Hopedale to share their experiences.

Old Business: Carole S. is no longer going to serve on RE/Lifespan, will serve on the Personnel Committee instead. Mary volunteered to be on the Personnel Committee also.

New Business: Canvass update – 11 pledges were received so far for a total of \$19,620. We will need to approve an interim budget at the Spring Congregational meeting since all the pledges are not in and we are not sure what the total amount will be.

Genevieve has the operations manual submission completed for Outreach.

How to encourage and financially support delegates to meetings was discussed. The board supports the principle of financially assisting GA delegates, district conference delegates, and leadership school attendees, with recognition that the amount of support available will vary. Motion to approve by Genevieve, second by Mary. All in favor. Amy suggested we pass around a second Sunday collection for this.

Chairs are needed for Sunday Services and RE/Lifespan. Thanks to the committee members for serving.

Genevieve discussed idea of pledging time and ways to get involved in the church as a non-financial commitment. This will be brought up at the Spring Congregational Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Amy Driscoll.