

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

*Present:* Kim Jacobs Beck, Peter Carels, Linda Eppert, Mary Fox, Ann Fuehrer, Genevieve O'Malley Knight, Liz Woedl, Gretchen Ziolkowski

*Chalice Lighting:* Opening remarks by Liz.

*Minutes:* Move to accept as amended (motion by Gen, second by Ann). All in favor.

*Treasurer's Report:* Written report submitted by Ann. 25% of the fiscal year has passed.. 37% of pledges for the year have been collected. Motion to approve by Gen, second by Mary. All in favor.

*President's Report:* Written report by Liz. Amy West-Poley is pleased by her raise and enjoys working at Hopedale. The situation with volunteers for greeting has improved. Liz met with Carol Srocinski regarding the advocacy issue. Someone is being hired by Orié Loucks to do the siding.

*Consultant Minister Report:* Written report by Linda. Linda requested that the Board approve her participation as an ex officio member of all committees. She will continue to send Board members material on Appreciative Inquiry.

*Committee Reports:*

*VP-Religious Services:* Written report by Kim. Some success has been achieved in increasing membership in the Sunday Services Committee and progress has been made on a program for the year, including a series on ethical eating.

*VP-Administrative Services:* Written report by Peter.

*VP-Member Services:* Mary. Nothing to report.

*VP-Outreach:* Written report by Gen.

*Old Business:* Operations and Procedures Manual is in progress.

*New Business:* A move was made to give ex officio status to Linda on all standing and future committees (motion by Kim, second by Ann). All in favor. Carol's request for more information on the approval process for inclusion of a letter of advocacy on the HUUC website and in the newsletter and the need for improvement in the timeliness of this process were discussed. It was agreed that Liz will draft a letter to Carol and Celia, Gen, and Amy West-Poley will draft a policy. The Board retreat, at which the focus will be Appreciative Inquiry, was

scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 9:00–4:00. The 2009 canvass period was tentatively planned for mid-March to mid-April and the Spring Congregational Meeting tentatively set for May 3. The Leadership Committee will be asked to recruit organizers for the canvass.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Gretchen Ziolkowski.