

Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Community

Board of Directors Meeting

March 18, 2009

Minutes

*Present:* Peter Carels, Linda Eppert, Mary Fox, Ann Fuehrer, Kim Jacobs Beck, Liz Woedl

*Chalice Lighting:* Reading by Linda Eppert. Check-in, including recognition of the death of Liz's birth father that day, and our sympathies extended to her.

*Minutes:* Gretchen was absent, so we will consider Minutes of the February 18 meeting in April.

*Treasurer's Report:* Ann's written report was not mailed out, so we will consider the February Treasurer's report in April. Ann reported that we are fiscally solvent.

*President's Report:* Liz's oral report included several items: Orié and Genevieve will, in the future, be our representatives to the UUCGC. Liz and Genevieve attended the UUCGC meeting recently. The Council purchased RUUU? cards, which we can personalize. There are a number of upcoming local events in which we can be involved, including a number of Pagan celebrations, and a Gay Pride parade.

*Consulting Minister's Report:* Linda received a number of positive and uplifting comments after last Sunday's revival service. As our consulting minister, she will try to help us achieve the goals we identified at last Saturday's retreat. Jennifer and Orlita will be our delegates to the Heartland District meeting; Wayne is also attending. Linda will be doing a Chalice Lighters' workshop there, along with other consulting. Linda is working with Robert Bell on the canvass campaign. Genevieve will likely go to Leadership School, and Linda is hoping that others might as well. The Board needs to approve this.

April 12 will be an intergenerational service, with a child dedication, and an Easter Egg Hunt afterwards. Linda would like to do a junior high event during Talawanda/McGuffey's spring break; how about bowling? Linda will be taking a study break June 21-July 4, and vacation July 5-August 1. She will be on call for two weeks during that time.

Committee Reports:

*VP-Religious Services:* Written report from Kim. The last meeting of the Sunday Service Committee was yesterday. She will update service leaders procedures soon. Services are completely planned through the end of May. We will try to diversify the

hymns we sing. A plan has been identified so that building keys are always available to service leaders. Linda will conduct a joint Sunday Service and greeter training on Monday, May 18.

In terms of summer services, Kim will plan June, and Patty Klingenberg (Chair for next year) will start in August. Liz, Ann and Pete will plan events in July, which will include a canoe trip in Preble County, a campout at the church, and gardening work at the Church accompanied by material on ethical eating, among other events.

*VP-Administrative Services:* Pete reported that the Finance Committee has a revised proposed budget for FY 2009-10, which will be examined by the Canvass Committee (Robert, Jennifer, Jessica, Mary and Pete) at their March 19 meeting. The Canvass dinner will include food donated by DiPaolo's.

In terms of the building, the siding work on the east end is finished. Mort is keen on making the HUUC building geothermally heated.

*VP-Outreach:* Genevieve was absent, however, Pete reported on the progress of the TAP Project. Mayor Pru Dana read a resolution at Oxford's City Council meeting last night, including a proclamation about Oxford's involvement. Amy West Poley received the resolution; the TAP Project officially begins on March 22.

*VP-Member Services:* Mary, with Elinor, will spruce up nametags. They have ordered a new guest book. Packets for guests are almost ready.

*New Business:* After the retreat, Ann wrote a resolution on ethical eating. Liz will forward it with materials for the April 15 Board meeting; it will be on that agenda. We will ask Amy West Poley to advertise the Board's upcoming agenda items—this would be a good item for Amy to let the Community to know about.

Pete had some questions about the Appreciation Binder, which we had discussed at the retreat. We spent some time talking about the mechanics of the binder and the process.

Our May 24 service will be at the cemetery. The Board transmogrification will be at Liz's house.

The Garden Committee will meet soon. We will be getting a load of topsoil. Is there a budget for the garden?

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Ann Fuehrer.