

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island
Board of Trustees

Meeting of February 13, 2008

Present: Baird B, Mary G, Paula K, Camille L, Lois C.

The meeting was called to order by Baird at 9:06 AM with the lighting of the chalice and an opening reading.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Paula presented the treasurer's report.

Discussion regarding building funding:

The finance committee has expressed concern about the impact of mortgage payments on our budget. We need to be sure we have sufficient reserves to subsidize our mortgage payments for the next two years – until our membership and annual pledges increase enough to meet all of our expenses, including the mortgage. The finance committee recommends that we have at least \$25,000 in reserve.

Do we have enough money to finish the project? Paula reports that in a building project the financial income and outgo is always in flux. We have been able to renegotiate the septic system and geo pump costs.

The status of the current capital campaign receipts is good. We expect almost full payment of the remaining outstanding pledges. There was discussion regarding asking Kit to visit a family that pledged to this campaign but has since gone to the Edmonds church [though they live on Whidbey]. They have 3 children. We would like them back!

There will be an additional Capital Campaign for the purchase of furniture. This will take place after the operating budget pledge drive. The Cs have offered to match funds donated for the purchase of chairs. We accept this offer with gratitude!!

Committee reports:

RE report from Mary: the RE committee is conferring with the building committee regarding carpeting in the RE rooms. The new Spirit Play curriculum involves the children spending a lot of time on the floor. The Aesthetics and RE committees will make the carpeting selections.

Stewardship report from Lois: the proposed pledge drive brochure was presented to the board for review and comment. A few suggestions were offered and the brochure will be revised accordingly. The suggestion was made to have table hosts call members and friends to invite them to the April 5th kick-off dinner in order to get a reasonably accurate count of those planning to attend.

Worship committee report from Mary: the worship committee has \$300 unspent and would like to purchase more hymnals. The Board approved this request.

Social Justice committee had no news to report.

Caring Connections report: no recent meeting. Cards have been sent to a couple of members recently.

Maureen sent along a suggestion for a “promotion committee” – a committee that would be responsible for advertising and promoting our presence in the community. Lynn Smith has offered to post an ad for our RE program but would like guidance before proceeding.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45

Lois C, acting board secretary