

MINUTES OF THE UUCWI BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

PRESENT: Baird, Mavis, Joann, Lois, Kit, Amy, Camille, Paula, Pat

GUESTS: Tom, Marilyn

MINUTES:

Pres. Baird called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Joann lit the chalice and gave the reading from "The Seven Principles in Word and Worship."

The minutes of the Aug. 8th meeting were approved.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Minister's Report: Kit reported:

- "Transition" – Bill G. has passed a preliminary screening experience and has been formally declared a candidate for the UU ministry.
- UUCWI History – Malcom wants to write our history.
- Motion made by Baird, 2nd by Pat, motion approved.
- Carol B. has the box with history materials.

"Committee on Ministry" needs a new member. Members are Marilyn, Mark, Kit (ex-officio). Motion made by Lois, 2nd by Camille, to ask Dave to serve on the committee. Motion approved.

Report on Building Budget:

Tom presented the report on the building project budget.

Three inspections failed. Remaining inspections include the septic system, the sign, storm drainage, and the final inspection. The cost of the gravel was minimal. \$2,000.00 needs to be included in future budgets for paving that needs to be done. The budget shows a projected surplus of \$2,297.00.

Landscaping Report:

Frances submitted a report and a budget request from the Landscaping Committee. Phase 1 (for fall of 2008) requires a budget item of \$3,400.00 for pathway lighting, all weather pathway, and basic planting in front of the building. Motion made by Joann, 2nd by Camille to accept Frances's report and proposal for green landscaping for consideration in another month. Motion approved. Baird will follow up and push for new funds beyond \$8,000, which includes Phase II of landscaping, for parking lot lighting at \$200. per light. Discussion was held about chalice lighters. The problem with acoustics was questioned and discussed. This needs more investigation before action can be taken to improve the acoustics in the church.

Budget Report: Paula submitted a written report from the Treasurer as follows:

[Numbers omitted from web version. See Treasurer if you need to know.]

Toyman and Paula are still working out details on transferring the bill paying to her. Wells Fargo has been very difficult to work with. All of the bills have been paid, however, Mavis has been taking care of that work while Paula was in Alaska. The transition should be completed next month. Toyman and Paula are still working on changing the procedures for paying musicians and speakers.

The two expect to close on the permanent financing with the UUA by the end of the month, although it is unlikely that the County-issued occupancy permit will be obtained by that time. There are many details to be finalized before the occupancy permit, but it does look like we will come in on budget. Thanks to Roy and Tom for keeping the costs in line, and to all the “sweat equity” work done. We also to continue to benefit from the lower than projected financing costs with interest @ 5.75% and not the projected 8%.

Paula has made the deposit to the Operating Reserve account at Raymond James as directed by the board at the June 13th meeting.

Kathleen has agreed to be the chairperson of the Finance Committee. Toyman and Paula are both members. The committee meets only “as needed” or “as directed by the BOT.” Paula expects that they will merge the balance sheet, combining operating expenses with construction costs on one balance sheet. We are in a good financial position to sustain our programs and services until the congregation grows sufficiently to function without utilizing reserves.

A new policy has been established that checks will be generated by Wells Fargo bill pay (payable to speakers) and sent to the church PO box, which Mavis will pick up and put in the locking file cabinet. Worship leaders can access that to pay the speakers on the day of their service. Musicians will be paid cash.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE:

Baird proposed that the Social Action Committee and the Peace and Justice Committee be combined and be called the Social Responsibility Committee. Ideas were discussed from the Jefferson UU church in Colorado. Kit suggested that we think about this and not throw this suggestion out.

OCTOBER 15TH EVENING MEETING:

There will be a meeting held at the church, moderated by Sarah R. to allow people who have anxiety about the banner “Torture Is a Moral Issue.” This will give any members who have a concern pro or con about the church displaying the banner an opportunity to make comments and discuss how often the banner will be displayed. It was suggested that a formal general congregational meeting might be held on the topic of how often banners of any kind might be displayed at the driveway entrance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Building Committee is about to end now that we are finally IN the church.

Maintenance of the building and property is still an issue to be dealt with. Lois proposed that a new committee such as “Buildings and Grounds” be formed.

The Aesthetics Committee is also disappearing. A new committee called “Aesthetics and Arts Committee” is to continue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held about the new “Building Use Fee Schedule” which was handed out. The new manual of Building Use and Rental Policies was also reviewed. Discussion on revisions and additions to the manual will continue. Authority was given to Mavis to utilize the manual. Mavis will send the board members a copy of the new directory for any revisions necessary to be sent back to her.

One more inspection of the building was passed today.

On Sat., Nov. 8th, the Fall Leadership Council meets in Seattle from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The fee is \$200.00 to attend at the University UU Church and the congregation pays that fee. Lois moved, Camille seconded that we fund this amount for attendance at the meeting. Motion passed. Kit will fill in the form.

The new Service Auction date is Nov. 1st. The auction date was moved ahead because it was too close to other dinners being held in February. Also, by moving the date ahead before Christmas, people will be able to do some Christmas shopping at the auction.

Joann will be the board liaison on the Worship Committee.

It was questioned if the Music Committee could look for church members for special music for services instead of always going outside the membership. This was discussed with the idea of church members giving their music presentation as an in-kind service instead of being paid, or giving their payment back to the church.

Amy will do the chalice lighting and reading for the next BOT meeting which will be held on Friday, Oct. 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Lewis, Secretary