

Minutes UUCWI Board Meeting February 15, 2005

Where: Trinity Lutheran Chapel Building

Present: Ron V., Kent V., Dave C., Paula K., Roy B., Marjorie L., Baird B.

President Dave called the meeting to order at 7:04. The chalice flame was lighted signifying we are a religious body on a spiritual quest. Dave had two short readings acknowledging the loss by death that we all face.

The agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Fundraising efforts were reviewed: 1-Sarah R. attended a Reuther Fundraising Training session in Coupeville. She will share her newfound knowledge with the board and other interested parties the evening of March 2 at Trinity. Her information would be helpful to canvassers and in producing this year's canvass brochure. 2-Gail A. will spearhead the all-city fundraising dance to be held at Freeland Hall May 21 with music provided by the Unitarian Combo "Leap of Faith." Profits to go to the UUCWI Operating Fund. 3-The Social Action Committee Chairperson Nancy S. has volunteered to provide a speaker on environmental issues later in the year at no cost to UUCWI. 4-Marjorie is exploring how Rent-a-Geek services might be exploited to the benefit of UUCWI. The questions are who will provide the technical service? How much is to be charged? How to market the idea. All proceeds to the church. 5-Paula is helping with services auction and wondered how the congregation might be queried as to what services they would like to see provided. 6-Roy reported that the cost of a service is \$300.00. This will be communicated to Nancy who had suggested allowing persons to "sponsor" a service

Bob L. is keeping track of attendance. A record of this was not available. Ron agreed to talk to Bob and present the figures to the board.

Roy gave the treasurer's report. Income and Outgo are conforming to budgetary predictions.

Baird reported on the Operational Fund Canvass plans. This is for the operational budget. It is to be a face-to-face, every-member canvass starting with a kickoff dinner Saturday, April 16. It was emphasized that the board must be the backbone of the canvassers and there was a positive board member response, which was inspiring. The duties will include attending a two-hour training session. Phoning approximately 6 friends of the church to attend the kickoff dinner. Making a generous pledge to the church. Canvassing no more than five people. Dave promised an inspirational article for the upcoming newsletter.

The importance of grooming new leaders for next year's Services Auction and Canvass was discussed.

There was a discussion of contracts. They are still needed for Siri S., CRE, and Heidi H., Choir. Baird will push Frank re Heidi and Ron will obtain the contract for Siri.

Unity Church has an approved site plan for a new church but has not had a Cap Cam campaign. Dave has had liaison with them concerning a joint building effort. The conclusion was that there was not a good fit as long as we could afford to go it alone. An accommodation with Good Cheer was explored. We were unable to satisfy their preferences.

MISSION STATEMENT. It was felt we were not ready to put the present text to a vote by the congregation.

TARGETED COLLECTION PLATE OFFERINGS. The treasurer said these do not have an adverse financial impact on plate giving to the church. It was unanimously approved to allow them to continue.

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The board did not want to undertake this project. The environmental issues are far-reaching and the board was loath to start on something wherein the scope and meaning of our obligation was not within our ken.

Dave will continue his liaison with the nominating committee. The three officers of the board have each served three years and are ineligible to serve next church year. Paula and Marjorie will have served two years and do not wish to become officers and are thus excluded from board service next church year. This leaves Ron and Kent who are finishing up their first year and will be serving out their two-year term next year.

Committee Liaison. Ron reported that the Social Action Committee will sponsor a service April 24-The Committee for Economic Justice. Also, a team from New York, "Talk to Me". Will be here sometime in the summer and they have permission to camp on the church property if a better offer is not available. The board committed to sponsoring Environmental Education Week April 10-16. Roy recommended that the board discuss the financial feasibility of the UUCWI building project at the next board meeting. Dave promised to have it on the agenda.

Baird reported being asked, and accepting, being on the board of the PNWD Growth Fund.

There was a discussion of this year's goals: 1-Undertake Mission/Vision/Covenant workshop. 2-Establish a building plan. 3-Begin Capital Campaign. 4-Strengthen CRE Offerings. 5-Seek a Chalice Lighters Grant. 6-Encourage membership in the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. 7-Become a Welcoming Congregation.

It was felt that good progress had been made.

Meeting Adjourned 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Baird Bardarson, Secretary