

Minutes UUCWI Board Meeting March 14, 2005

Where: Trinity Lutheran Chapel Building

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

President Dave called the meeting to order at 7:08. Baird signified we are a religious body on a spiritual quest by lighting the chalice flame.

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

Roy reported on the services auction. This was spearheaded by Sarah R. and was a success. Approximately \$3,200.00 was cleared. This was Sarah's swan song. Joan G. will take over as chairperson next year. The secretary was directed to write a letter of thanks from the board for Sarah's great service to the church. The secretary was directed to write a letter of appreciation to Joan for agreeing to take over the reins of this important fund-raising committee.

Linda G. had purchased the services of the Rainey Lewis Jazz Combo at a fund raising auction. Linda arranged the March 12th concert to be held at the Dodge Building facility with the proceeds going to the church. Approximately \$300.00 was raised. Ms Lewis was very generous and absorbed the costs of the hall herself.

Treasurer's Report. Roy said that billings for the Capital Campaign Pledges would go out the end of March.

A Finance Committee is to be formed with Roy in charge. There was some talk about having bequest cards available and a means of allowing congregants to will bequests to the church.

There was no activity on the outstanding contracts.

The Minister's Report had been previously emailed out by Kit. She is still active in the support of same sex marriage issues.

With deep appreciation and thanks the board and its president recognized Sally Ann Elder as the new UUCWI Chaplain.

Building Committee Report. There was general discussion about the building plans and how the congregation was being brought along. Questions of financing were raised. The Building Committee has settled on a concept, which is a natural extension of the first architectural renderings. With sweat equity it is estimated

that we will have a building for \$60.00-\$100.00 a square foot. Roy presented a time line.

Role Descriptions (Previously Job Descriptions). President Dave presented the fruits of his labors in perfecting the Role Descriptions of most all the committees. He brought some uniformity of style to them. It was moved seconded and unanimously passed that these be accepted.

Canvass Report. Things are in order. Twelve Canvassers have been recruited. Training will transpire April 2nd and the B.'s. Carol B. has agreed to spearhead the food for the kickoff dinner on the condition that Baird recruit the male cleanup crew. Ken M. will help with entertainment. Kickoff Dinner Saturday, April 16, at 6:00 PM and canvassing the following two weeks.

Membership: Nine new members were recognized at a service. This makes eleven new members for the year. Every effort will be made to have bios and pictures in the newsletter. The committee was to be reminded that attention to the interest forms is important.

Bob L is keeping attendance at Sunday services. The board wants these made available at each board meeting.

Ron presented graphs showing growth patterns in five churches in the PNWD: Eastshore, Edmonds, Quimper, Olympic (Sequim) and UUCWI. The study was to show the effects, if any, of the effect on congregational growth of a building program.

Two congregations, Olympic and Quimper, were pertinent to this question.

Olympic: Church built in the year 2000 with a congregation of 41 members. In three years there were 83 members. Today the membership stands at 102

Quimper: Church built largely with sweat equity and completed in 1997 with a membership of 71. In one year the membership had increased by 50%. Today there is a membership of 220 with a full time minister and 100 kids in the CRE program not including the youth.

Baird reported that an "Angel" had come up with a substantial gift for the church. There was initial confusion about the amount. The gift was for \$10,000.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08

Respectfully Submitted, Baird B., Secretary