

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island
Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors
December 7, 2006

Members present: Toyan C., Sandy W., Frank A., Mary G., Tom B. and Kit K., minister

The meeting was convened at 6:20

Minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed. Tom B. moved for approval, Frank A. seconded. Minutes were approved without dissent.

There was no Treasurer's report, given that Kathleen B. was out of town.

Building committee status: The site plan has been recommended for approval by all county departments, the hearing examiner milestone was today without any issues. It is expected that the permit will be issued in about 2 weeks- which will then allow us to apply for a building permit. Toyan reported that Church Mutual (our insurer) will not provide contractor insurance for Roy as our project manager.

Toyan reported that the Nominating committee is about to commence work on the director/officer slate for the next fiscal year. Per the bylaws we need an ex-officio member from the Board on this committee. Sandy W. volunteered to take on this role.

Toyan reported that the pledging materials for the supplemental capital campaign were not clear on several points (questions from the congregants) After discussion of the issues- the following clarifications were established.

2006

1. This campaign would conclude on Dec 31, 2006
2. For people with prior pledges- any new pledge could be paid between now and August of 2008 (adding an extra year to the payment period).
3. For people making their first pledge at this time, the period of payment could be over a two year span.

Kit reported for the CaringConnections committee: that they would be meeting the following Wednesday to create a documented process for memorial services and family support when there is a death in the church. After that they will turn their attention to what we as a church might put in place for an emergency support plan for such events as the recent extended power outages on the Island.

Tom B. reported for the Social Action committee: that we would be calling the congregation to frame a collective response to Global Warming with a three phase offering in Jan/Feb 2007.

1. . Three showings of the Al Gore "Inconvenient Truth" in several homes during January
2. A church service on January 28 to emphasize the spiritual/moral imperative in Gore's message.

3. On “open space” style workshop on a Saturday in February for the congregants to propose responsive projects/initiatives. This workshop would be seeded with several ideas the committee has been framing, but the hope is that others would come from the members present.

Childrens RE Program Discussion. It was noted that our budget planning for the coming fiscal year should include appropriate funds for Laurie W. to take advantage of the DRE training offerings from the District. Kit described the Child Dedication ceremony that would be in conjunction with the Christmas Eve service.

Conversation about the canvas campaign for the coming fiscal year:

1. After some discussion, it was the sense of the Board that we do want to have a “kickoff dinner” at the start of the campaign, rather than the celebratory dinner at the end as proposed by Ken M. We recognize that this means the campaign may need to start a little later in the Spring- given that the auction dinner is Feb 10th.
2. This also needs to be coordinated with a “spiritual stewardship” workshop that Ken and Lois C. have been discussing.

Motion to appoint a new Board member for the position made vacant by the untimely death of John Adams.

Toyan reported that she had recruited Dave C. as a candidate to fill the remainder of John’s term on the Board . There being no other candidate proposed, she moved that we appoint Dave. Mary G. seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Kit proposed that the church once again be a cosponsor of Equality Day 2007, which is organized by the Religious Coalition for Equality. Frank A. moved that we accept this proposal, Tom B. seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Toyan discussed her thus far inconclusive efforts to find a new newsletter editor to take over this role from Nancy S. We brainstormed other possible candidates for this role to assist Toyan in her search.

There being no further business- the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will occur on January 4, 2007.

Recorder – Tom B.