

First Unitarian-Universalist Church  
December, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2006

Present: A. Biggers, J. Brown, D. Wiest, L. Acker, E. Harvey, I. Schultz, Sally Borden, J. Harvey,  
M.L.Malone, D. Walker

Guests: Dan Kosmowski, Margaret Wilke, Carolyn Ludwig, Mary Catherine O'Neill

Meeting began at 6:37 pm

**1. Meeting Agenda approved as amended.**

**2. Approval of October, 2006 Board Meeting minutes.**

Jim Brown moved and Lencha Acker seconded to approve the October , 2006 minutes. Motion passed

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Dan Wiest reviewed the Balance Sheet and Income Statement.

Sally Borden moved, and Earl Harvey seconded, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

**4. Religious Ed. Proposals**

Interim R.E. Director Athena Kolb reported on the R.E. program and discussed the limitations of a five hour work week. She also agreed to stay on while the search of permanent director continues. Board member Sally Borden requested that Athena provide at least minimal written documentation of her work.

The R.E. Committee chair, Margaret Wilke, and members discussed the need for funding a 12 hour work week for the R.E. Director, the need for the Board to approve the search for an R.E. Director, the need to concentrate on a revitalized R.E. program for next Autumn, and their request to buy two two R.E. curricula items from Boston. Sally and the membership committee will work with R.E. committee to help grow the R.E. program.

Sally Borden moved, and Alicia Biggers seconded, to make line item adjustment to the 2006-07 Budget to pay the R.E. Director for a 12 hour work week. Motion passed.

Sally Borden moved, and Irene Schultz seconded, to adopt the 12 hour work week which can be implemented immediately. Motion passed. The R.E. director is to submit a monthly written report.

Sally Borden moved, and Earl Harvey seconded that search for RE director start immediately. Motion passed.

Sally Borden moved, and Earl Harvey seconded, that the Board approve expenditure of Curricula items, to a maximum of \$100. Motion passed.

James Brown moved, and Irene Schultz seconded, that the money recently donated to the Church by Diana Heath, ( \$51 ) also be used to purchase above curricula. Motion passed.

**5. Building and Grounds Report**

Earl Harvey gave a brief report, mentioning the need to have Ramp door painted A.S.A..P.

Board member Jim Brown suggested that Dan Kosmowski meet with renters to familiarize them with security system and correct lock-up procedures. Details to be worked out with Mary Lou Malone.

Dan Kosmowski commented on problems with security when building is rented out for special events. He recommended that a designated coordinator from the Congregation be in charge of lock-up for each event. Board members agreed to have a Church member or Joe Brimmer be present for lock-ups at each event.

Sally Borden moved, and M.L. Malone seconded, that the 1<sup>st</sup> UU Board issue a written commendation, to be placed in Newsletter, to Dan Kosmowski for his outstanding efforts in providing a secure Church facility. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Approval of Interim Minister**

Mary Lou stated details of Rev. Drew Johnston's contract. The contract runs from Jan. 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007.

Lencha Acker moved, and Alicia Biggers seconded, to accept the hiring of Rev. Drew Johnston, under the terms of contract described. Motion passed.

**7. Request for Lynda Smith's Pastoral Care.**

With the hiring of an Interim Minister, the issue of Pastoral Care requests came up. The Board agreed that such requests will be directed to Reverend Drew Johnston as of January 1, 2007.

**8. Social Justice Committee Report**

Alicia Biggers reported that an upcoming Social Justice action is to participate in the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. MLK Jr. parade on Monday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon from New Starlight Baptist Church, 3710 MLK Blvd to Pellham Middle School, 2001 MLK Blvd @ Rosa Parks.

James Harvey moved, and Sally Borden seconded, that a special collection be taken in February for M.O.S.E.S., and a special collection in March for U.U.S.C.. Motion passed.

**9. Healing and Reconciliation Task Force**

Lencha Acker reported on Ann McKnight and Dan Rooks' availability for half-day and full-day training sessions. The Board determined it best work with our new minister on this matter. Lisa Presley had also made same recommendation.

**10. Bank Accounts under umbrella of 1<sup>st</sup> UU Church.**

Dan Wiest reported on treasurer's inability to access bank accounts, such as the Women's Alliance Account. He will speak with Eiko Takemoto to resolve problem. Also 1st UU Church is paying \$40 monthly for a safety deposit box at Chase bank. The two persons having authorization to open box are unfamiliar to 1<sup>st</sup> UU, and/or may live out of the area.

**11. Holiday Worship Services**

The Board agreed to have the Sunday, Dec. 24th service at 6:00 pm, and to have the Dec. 31st service at the regular time of 11:00 am.

**12. Building Close Time and Sunday Hangers-On.**

The Board discussed problems and solutions of Sunday hangers on following Coffee Hour.

**13 Adjournment**

At 8:50 pm Dan Wiest moved, and Earl Harvey seconded , to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Walker  
Board Secretary