

First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit

February 12, 2007 Board Meeting minutes

Present: Linda Darga, Jim Harvey, Mary Lou Malone, Sally Borden, Reverend Drew Johnston, Lencha Acker, James Brown, Irene Schultz, Alicia Biggers, Donna Walker
Guests: Margaret Wilke, Glen Maxwell, Mary-Catherine O'Neill

The meeting was called to order by Linda Darga at 6:35 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved as modified.

3. Approval of January, 2007 Minutes

Minutes were approved as corrected.

4. Treasurer's Report

Dan Wiest distributed copies of Income Statement, and Balance Sheet for January, 2007. He then reviewed both documents pointing out that there was \$1100 more paid out than was taken in. He also stated that \$5,000 will be taken from the Trust, and that \$6,000 has already been taken from the pre-approved Trust allocation of \$85,000.

Dan stated that the Memorial Savings Account shows a balance of \$1293 when it is actually \$4800 as of June, 2006.

Irene Schultz moved, and Mary Lou Malone seconded, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

The issue of a separate account for the Memorial Fund was discussed. It was stated that Jan Berry believes the Memorial Fund Committee is defunct. Sally stated that all committees in existence under the old by-laws will continue under new by-laws. Jan Berry believes Memorial Fund Committee should be an elected committee.

Linda Darga moved, and Jim Harvey seconded, to authorize Linda Darga and Dan Wiest to be members of the Memorial Fund Committee and to appoint Janice Berry, or another member if she declines as Chairperson.

The Patriot Act's requirement of a S.S. number (or I.E. number) to open a bank account was discussed. It was the consensus of the Board that the 1st UU Treasurer be the conduit for all funds handled by (present?) Church Groups, and that Subsidiary Groups of 1st UU report their interests back to the Board at the next meeting.

5. Future Facilities Task Force Report

Glen Maxwell asked the Board to grant approval for the FFTF to submit an application for a 4 day training program for 4 persons, including settled minister, sponsored by Partners for Sacred Places. Cost is between \$500-\$1000. Application due by 2-28-07.

Dan Wiest moved and Alicia Biggers seconded that the Board authorize the FFTF pursue and apply for the training program and draw funds from the funds budgeted for the Task Force. Motion passed.

6. Building Security/Miscellaneous

Reverend Drew gave report on accountability. Alicia volunteered to instruct the Search Committee to correct Ministerial packet. Dan Wiest will obtain Athena Kolb's contract and pay her what is due.

Lencha Acker moved, and Irene Schultz seconded that:

We, the Board of 1st UU affirm that the Minister is responsible to supervise staff, and that the committees are involved in a consulting capacity. To insure that there is a seamless transition of responsibility, Personnel disputes shall be referred to the President of the Board for resolution. Motion passed.

6. Building Security/Miscellaneous (continued)

It was proposed that Drew, Mary Lou Malone and Jim Brown create a policy and work out a system to assure our facilities are secure. On February 18 Dan Kosmowski will give a tour of our facility's heating systems. Mary Lou Malone is ordering manuals for the thermostats, and she is also going to have Michigan Interfaith Power & Light do an energy audit. Volunteers needed to tend to weekend heating needs. Weekday control of heating reverts back to the Church staff.

Mary Lou Malone moved, and James Brown seconded to accept report.

7. Committee Reports

Religious Education

Margaret Wilke said there was no response from postings/ads for an R.E. Director.

Social Justice Network

Alicia Biggers reminded Board that there will be a special collection at a Sunday service in February for M.O.S.E.S., and a special collection in April or May for the U.U.S.C.

Worship

Lencha Acker requested that the group "Singers of United Lands" be invited to perform at our Easter Sunday Service, and a special offering be taken on that day for the singers.

Mary Lou Malone so moved. Irene Schultz seconded. Motion passed.

Lencha stated that issue of Milestones is still unresolved. Solution being sought. She informed Board of procedure for submitting announcements: they can be put on the lectern before the service, or, have Church Secretary, Wendi Winston, forward them to John Angry for placement.

Membership

Sally Borden said she will call people about the upcoming 3rd Sunday potluck. There will be New Member Orientations held in the near future, and that Membership wants to stage some fun activities for the Congregation. Ideas can be e-mailed to Sally.

8. Proposal for Appreciative Inquiry

Reverend Drew informed Board of plan to meet with every Church member as well as attendees, present and past, individually to interview on their visions for the future for 1st UU. This will be started immediately with results/findings to be presented to the Congregation by March, 2007.

9. Report from 2007 Canvass Chair

Alicia Biggers reported that events for the Canvass are in place. The Leadgivers Dinner is being given by Janet Thompson at her home. The annual Canvass Dinner is on Friday, March 23, and the dinner will be prepared by Irene Schultz.

10. Implications of Implementation of new Constitution and By-Laws.

Sally Borden discussed the reduced Board, and the implementation of the Board-Committee Liason Model. She stated the need to have Committees submit reports.

The Policy and Procedure Manual will include policies and procedures for the various committees.

Drew suggested a DYNAMIC PRESENTATION of the Board activities, such as on the Bulletin Board.

11. Palm Sunday Vendor Table

Dan Wiest moved and Irene Schultz seconded to okay Andee Seeger's request to have ONE sale table at Coffee Hour on Palm Sunday, April 1, 2007. Motion passed.

12. Adjournment

At 9:39 pm Dan Wiest moved, and Irene Schultz seconded, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Walker, Board Secretary

