

Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater
Minutes of the Board
August 19, 2009

Attending: Sue Boone, Dotti Doyle, Bill Norsworthy, Susan Hegner, Cassie Alderman, Carl Krave, Joe Myers, Sylvia Scott, Joann Shrewsbury, Bill Snell, Jefferson Taylor, Nancy Warner, Tricia Weimer, Rev Bill Welch

Absent: Terry Stapleton
(Rev Abhi Janamanchi – vacation)

Guest: Ellen Morgan

Call to Order: Sue Boone @ 7:00 p.m.

Chalice Lighting and Readings

Introductions: To Rev Bill Welch & from Board Members

Information:

Reception for Rev Bill on 8/30 after the service – “In-gathering Sunday.” There will be a notice in the newspaper before that.

Rev Bill spoke briefly about “start-up” re his ministry. There will be a “retreat” on 9/12 or 9/19 with key members of the congregation to explain his role and introduce the Ministry Structure Task Force process. He also talked about his background and some of his interests.

[Information received after this board meeting indicates that the retreat will be held 10/9 & 10 or 10/16 & 17. Details will be forthcoming.]

Agenda: reviewed.

Minutes of July 15, 2009: accepted

Treasurer’s Report: Bill Norsworthy shared information from the written report and the financial statements. He also provided a Cash Flow Projection for 2009-2010 – this will be updated on a monthly basis. Approved.

Committee Chairs: The following people have been named and accepted as chairs of the committees listed here: Kyle Pierson – Book Sale, Hospitality – schedule arranger – Cindy Nohe, Personnel – Susan Hegner; Stewardship – Owen Thompson & Bill Snell. Motion to accept made by Carl Krave, seconded by Tricia Weimer.

Erik & Kathy Jager have resigned from UUC – Chair for Ushers needed.
Other chairs still needed: Denominational Affairs, Adult RE, Auction.

Information Items

Ministry Structure Task Force – Members: Bill Snell, Terry Stapleton, Tiffany Boggs, Pegotty Cooper, Eliseo Santana. One or two more are needed – Sue Boone will ask other members who were suggested. The costs for the four suggested staffing options for ministerial structures were presented by Bill Norsworthy and discussed.

Rev Bill presented a process for discerning what the congregation wants, what the “passion” is.

This process was developed by Rev Abhi & Rev Bill with assistance from Rev Ken Hurto and involves appreciative inquiry with focus groups to develop questions to be brought to the congregation in regard to worship, RE, adult programs, social outreach, and pastoral care. This process is detailed in a document presented by Rev Bill. There was considerable discussion.

There would be several small meetings and then two large meetings involving the whole congregation, perhaps October 16 – 18.

RKK Intern Program

Nick has an apartment on McMullen Booth. He will be here 9/6.

Music Director Search Committee - progress

Tricia Weimer discussed the process. The committee interviewed five candidates, the two finalists are doing rehearsal interviews this evening.

The committee is hoping to make a choice tonight, subject to background check and board approval. The board approval can take place by email.

Social Justice Reorganization

Presented by Nancy Warner and Dotti Doyle
The Social Justice Committee is now the Social Justice Council, chaired by Marlene Calderone, with three teams: Human Rights, chaired by Allison Snell, Economic Justice, chaired by Linda Stoller, and Environmental Justice, chaired by Dotti Doyle. Further details will be included in the Octagram.

Haunted House (Day of the Dead)

Presented by Cassie Alderman. Discussion re plans for this celebration. It will take place on October 31st from 5:30 – 8:30 in the Social Hall and will be intergenerational.

Volunteer of the Month

Dottie Terpenning, a long time member was selected as “Volunteer of the Month.”

Calendar Events

Betty Upson-Schmitz' Memorial will be held on 8/22 @ 3:00 p.m.

The Social Hall floor will be stripped and waxed on 8/27 & 28.

Rev Bill will conduct the service on 9/13. It will be the Ingathering Service with the Water communion.

Rev Abhi's Report

Discussion re statistics/demographics

Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotti Doyle, Secretary