

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF CLEARWATER
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2009

ATTENDING: Sue Boone, Terry Stapleton, Dotti Doyle, Bill Norsworthy, Susan Hegner, Rev Abhi Janamanchi, Cassandra Alderman, Joe Myers, Sylvia Scott, Joann Shrewsbury, Lynette Wood, Jefferson Taylor, Nancy Warner, Tricia Weimer, Rev Bill Welch

ABSENT: Carl Krave

GUESTS: Owen Thompson & Bill Snell, Stewardship, Sue Allen, Nominating Committee, Ellen Morgan

Call to Order: Sue Boone, 7:10p.m.

Chalice Lighting: from Albert Schweitzer

Open Words: A Short Reflection on Mud Abhi

Consent Agenda: Minutes, Minister's reports – in packet, accepted by consent

Review of Agenda: sent in packet

Treasurer's Report – in packet. Expenses are below budget, revenue slightly above. See report from packet, cash flow slightly below projection.

Ministers' housing allowance(s) will be discussed at next Board Meeting.

Nominating Committee – Sue Allen
Kathy Krohn
Catherine Conover
Ken Bliznek

Sue Allen stated that candidates are needed for three board positions, officers, committee on ministry

Discussion: Attributes/skills of good board members: availability, tenacity, good communication skills, previous leadership, diversity – representative of congregation, ability to speak up for the good of the church, fund raising, planning, organizational development

Discussion mentioned conflict w/ Chorale rehearsal, possibility of a youth board member. Youth, non-voting would be nominated by YRUU, or a youth member of the congregation would be nominated by Nominating Committee. No decision was reached in regard to a youth board member.

Ministers' Covenant will be sent to Board by early next week.

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ACTION ITEMS:

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: Kyle Pierson, who chaired the book sale. Moved by Bill N, seconded by Joe Myers and accepted.

CHARGE TO THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE – sent in packet in pdf form. Presented by Tricia Weimer. She, Jefferson Taylor and Bill Norsworthy developed this charge. Process needs to look at/rarticulate mission and vision. Strategic planning becomes a part of the congregational governance – goals & objectives. Strategic Planning Charter – see document. CUSP acronym w/ various meanings. Long Range Planning Committee is/will be a committee of the Board.

Discussion re long range planning process vs day-to-day management. The Long Range Planning Committee has yet to be created.

“Measurable objectives over a long period of time”

Do we want/need a long range plan? Approve this document? We need dreams/vision

Terry moved & Joe Myers seconded that we accept this charge. Passes unanimously.

DISCERNMENT PROCESS – planning for 2009 –2010

See documents UUC Congregational Planning..., Dear Board Members...chart w/ activities & responsibilities & visionary paragraph.

Abhi explained the reasoning of the Exec Committee to produce these documents to present info to the congregation & dispel rumors. Sue Boone added that the congregation has not been brought up to date. Terry advised that we not use language that states how many ministers are to be considered in a model. Tricia spoke about needs and dreams [vision] for the congregation. Rev Bill's role has shifted. Tricia will help draft letter to the congregation.

Joe Myers moved, and Lynette Wood seconded a motion to draft a letter re plans and to send it to the congregation. Motion approved.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

Owen Thompson presented the plan for the STEWARDSHIP campaign. He said that instead of a Stewardship Dinner, a Carnival is being planned – intergenerational – with clowns and a picnic on February 27th, 2010. The Stewardship Committee is developing a slogan or motto, perhaps with a theme of growth.

Dotti spoke briefly about the GREEN SANCTUARY ACCREDITATION process. She also mentioned the possible plan for solar power, as well as a garden. She invited all to the Thanksgiving Dinner that will feature whole foods.

LOCK-UP PROCEDURES. The person who used to do lock-up is no longer able to do so. Bill Newton is turning the security system on from his home. Carl Hansen has volunteered to personally check on any problems noted.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS.:

Thanksgiving Dinner – Sunday is last day for ticket sales.

11/29 – Rev Nick Ozuna is presenting the service on his personal spiritual journey.

12/6 – Rev Susan Nazarian is being installed at Tarpon Springs UU

12/10 – Cluster service At Tarpon Springs

12/13 – Special music service

Bake Sale

RKK Open House

1/14 – 1/17 IARF

4/24 – Annual Auction. Bill Dishongh is chairing. Any Carol Webb will be singing.

5/4 – Cluster Revival

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

A brief Executive Session was held to discuss a sensitive issue that had made the news and might concern some members of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotti Doyle,
Secretary