

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF CLEARWATER
MINUTES
October 28, 2009**

Attending: Sue Boone, Terry Stapleton, Dotti Doyle, Bill Norsworthy, Rev Abhi Janamanchi, Carl Krave, Joe Myers, Sylvia Scott, Joann Shrewsbury, Lynette Wood, Jefferson Taylor, Tricia Weimer. Rev Nick Ozuna, Rev Bill Welch

Absent: Susan Hegner, Cassie Alderman

Guests: Eliseo Santana, Ellen Morgan, Karen Roeder, Dorothy Smiljanich

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m. Sue Boone

Chalice Lighting & Reading: Lynette Wood & Rev Bill

Introductions: Lynette Wood – new board member
Karen Roeder – Office Administrator/Bookkeeper
Rev Nick Ozuna, Intern from RKK

Review Covenant: board

Review Agenda: +

Review Minutes: +

Treasurer's Report: Bill Norsworthy +

Good News:

Auction Chair = Bill Dishongh

Weekly News will be on Constant Contact program for mass mailing

Karen Witham will be new Octagram editor. Nancy Warner has resigned, but is training Karen. Octagram will also be on Constant Contact.

Volunteer of the Month: Ellen Morgan was recognized.

Start-up Weekend: Three major items:

Rev Bill's role
Discernment of needs
Future planning

Stewardship Campaign: Chair, Owen Thompson, Ass't, Bill Snell

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Bill Norsworthy explained 'case statements' that will be distributed to congregation re funding needs.

Owen & Bill will present more information @ next board meeting.

Campaign will be based on what is needed to maintain current staffing.

Staffing: Board will guide congregation through a consensus building process to discern future needs. Sue will be discussing this with Kenn Hurto, District Executive, on Friday.

Rev Bill suggested that information from planning meetings be made available for all.

Rev Abhi & Tricia Weimer discussed how to present planning information to congregation, including having a consultant to assist with this.

Long Range Planning: committee to be reinstated to develop a plan within a year, focusing on ministry models. Abhi stated that the Long Range Planning Committee needs a "vision," that needs to be agreed upon and articulated by leadership, to present to the congregation.

Long Range Planning Committee: Bob Buesing and Eliseo Santana, are willing to be on it, but not chair. A chair needs to be appointed and choose other members. A charge to the Long Range Planning Committee will be developed by Bill Norsworthy, Jefferson Taylor and Tricia Weimer before the next board meeting.

Clearwater Zen Buddhist Center Lease: Discussion re details of lease contract. Issue re placement of their sign was discussed. This needs to be negotiated when the lease is signed. Open House, website, hours of operation, parking and use of space in the "Manse" by UUC were mentioned. Tricia Weimer moved and Sylvia Scott that Dotti Doyle and Sue Boone be authorized to negotiate the lease. Passed.

Consent Agenda: a system by which mundane business is passed without discussion. Information for Board Meetings MUST be submitted to the Executive Committee by the sixth of the month to be considered for the agenda. All items then will be submitted to the Office Administrator by Friday noon preceding the Board Meeting on the third Wednesday of the month. Motion re consent agenda made by Bill Norsworthy and seconded by Joann Shrewsbury. Passed.

Board Member involvement on Sunday mornings. Suggested that Board members welcome congregation from the podium on Sundays from a script, so that board members are more visible. Also, that they greet visitors as they enter the sanctuary. Joann Shrewsbury volunteered to do the welcome from podium for month of November. Sylvia Scott will greet at the door.

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Green Sanctuary: Deferred until next meeting.

Nominating Committee

Will be meeting with the board next month. They need guidance re selecting candidates for elected offices.

Rev Abhi's Report

Discussion re how "Split the Plate" Sundays increase general revenue as well. Discussion re programs at Unity Church Unitarian in St Paul, MN, especially outreach including Weds night programs and 4:30 p.m. Sundays, as well as policy governance structure. That church will be offering webinars on governance.

Rev Bill's Report

Children's RE attendance averages 40 children. New nursery person, Judy Meyer, started last week.

Calendar items

Interfaith Thanksgiving @ Unity on November 17th.
Thanksgiving Dinner @ UUC on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov 26th

November Board Meeting

Abhi & Bill will present their covenant
Charge to long range planning
Green Sanctuary

Adjourn: 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotti Doyle, Secretary