

**MINUTES
UUFH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM

Present: Jennifer Sappell (President), Bill Houck (Vice-President), Royal Forest (Secretary, Gerald Moss, Linda Paul Elem, Scott Yanuck (Trustees), Paul Ratzlaff (Minister), Carolyn Freud (DRE)

Absent: Kathryn Johnson (Treasurer), David Sussman, and Maria Nielsen (Trustees)

Minister's Report

The full report is attached. In addition, Paul urged that during his sabbatical any Sunday when the choir is participating, all announcements and/or publicity include information about the music.

Religious Educator's Report

The full report is attached. Carolyn further requested that the Thursday morning Play Group be publicized as widely as possible. She also stated that Will Feinberg had expressed an interest working with the older youth on spirituality. The Board looked upon that possibility favorably.

President's Report

The full report is attached. On behalf of the absent Treasurer, Jen stated that as of calendar year end percentages of pledges collected is consistent with statistics for the prior year.

Vice President's Report

Full Report is attached. Bill added that there is on-going optimization of the heating system, and the hot water heater in the cottage needs to be replaced. He also reported that the snow policy remains unchanged.

ACTION ITEMS

- Royal moved to accept the corrected minutes of the November 15, 2010 meeting, Scott seconded and motion was unanimously approved.
- Motion was made by Scott and seconded by Gerald to approve the Green Sanctuary Resolution (see attached). Passed unanimously.

INFORMATION UPDATES

- Fire drill is scheduled for January 9th. Gerald will coordinate with that Sunday's visiting minister.

- Royal inquired about the standard “safety notice” which should be placed in the order of service and the Beacon. Jennifer will look into locating the notice and making sure it is used appropriately.
- Computers which will be part of the up-coming technology upgrade are currently being tested off-site.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- The transition from contractors to employees is underway and seems to be smooth.
- Re BOW: The congregational forum is scheduled for January 9th. The congregation needs to see in advance the four proposals which will be discussed at that forum. They also need to understand that, based on feed-back from the forum, the Board and BOW will craft a final proposal which will be brought to the congregation for an up or down vote on February 6th. It was agreed there should be a first class mailing of the necessary information.
- It was agreed that the current minimum pledge of \$175 will remain unchanged.

SECRETARY’S REMINDERS

The By-law Committee needs to be advised that, in accordance with the UUFH time line, it is time to begin addressing any by-law revisions. It appears that both Personnel and BOW have recommendations for the Committee. Liz agreed to notify Mary Jane Wochinger of same.

LIVING OUR FAITH

Next Beacon article on Living our Faith will be written, by Kathryn, about Frances in December. January will be about Zoe, written by David, and then in March Royal will interview Jennifer for an article about Prue Emery for her work with the Soldiers’ Project.

DEEDS WELL DONE

Gerald will write Jim and Dove for all their work on the foyer/front door, Scott will write Grace and Mary for their work with Growing Up UU. Paul has already written Harriett in appreciation of his Send-off Party.

NEW BUSINESS

Moveon.org, now a 501C4 organization with a new name and a mission of education and advocacy, has inquired about renting meeting space at UUFH. It was agreed the issue appropriately belongs to the Building Use Committee and it was so referred.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Koehn, scribe