

UUFBR Board of Trustees Meeting, April 25, 2011

Present: John Giordano-Weintraub, Robert Duchemin, Bill Bode, Bob Smith, Sharon Drew, Karen Sherman, Bill Jensen, Doug Hughes, Suzanne Goffredo and Reverend Harris Riordan. Also in attendance: Mary Cadwell, Paul Chasse and Amy Carol Webb.

Meeting called to order at 7 PM.

Words of inspiration by Amy Carol Webb.

Minutes of Annual Congregational Meeting, March 27, 2011, approved as presented.

Minutes of Board Meeting, March 28, 2011 approved as corrected.

Sharex Report by Mary Cadwell, Interim Chair of Sharex Committee from May to September, 2011. Mary was not sure the Board ever accepted the Charter for the Sharex Committee written by Erica Venable. A copy will be sent to John Giordano-Weintraub to be disseminated at the Board Meeting next month. The total amount anticipated by Sharex will be less this year due to fewer Sharex users. The committee needs to get together to discuss the possibility of increasing Sharex amount and developing multi-year contracts. Scheduling of the building is very tight and even if more groups wish to use the facility the administrator may be unable to handle any more. It was suggested that one time events may be more practical. John Giordano Weintraub and Mary Beth Kugler have been on the committee, Bill Bode volunteered to join them and Bob Smith can sit on it as ex-officio. A letter needs to go out to Sharex users in May with expectations and due date stated in June so contracts can be completed by September.

Endowment Committee Report by Paul Chasse. The pros and cons of a proposed By-Law change allowing the Endowment Committee to be a lender to UUFBR were stated. The pros include a lower rate loan and short term flexibility, and low risk. The cons are that a higher proportion of assets will go to loans, there would be less money to invest and less money for grants. Tentatively the Endowment Committee has indicated that the loan amount interest possible would be no less than the CPI and no higher than the annual residential mortgage rate as published in the Wall Street Journal plus 1 %. The Lincoln Trust Loan lenders have made it known that it is OK if the Congregation wants to pay them down. It was also mentioned that a capital campaign needs to be planned for in the future.

Minister's Report-plan for next year.

Sunday Calendar events presented to be put on calendar.

Dates that must be planned for to reserve calendar dates.

No Terrific Tuesdays.

Harris asked if Board would agree to pursue development of Second Hour on Sundays-time devoted to being together and spiritual needs and not fellowship business. It would require child care and simple lunches people could buy.

Rev. Riordan also outlined a possible Sabbatical leave schedule and has already looked into Ministers in residence for worship and pastoral emergencies.

Treasurer's Report by Bob Smith. Discussion of "surplus" funds from last fiscal year resulted in delay decision. All are to consider the terms and conditions, principles, obligation of UUA dues and values conversation. To be acted upon at next board meeting.

Annual Budget Drive. There is no action on this as yet. Suggestion that more be done on ABD and Growth Team by e-mail with the charge that all Board members must weigh in when items come up on the e-mail.

Action Items-listing of items in the Board minutes. All remain active. John Giordano-Weintraub stated the

action items should be sent to members separately.

Board Calendar

Retreat planned for May 21, 2011.

Building and Grounds update and facilities needed report due in May.

Delegates to be chosen for GA.

RE Participation and Planning will be discussed at an RE workshop late April.

Sunday Planning-Bill Jensen has most of the Sunday speakers lined up for summer.

Financial Annual Review moved to July.

Games Night-May 7, 7PM. Board members come early for set up, bring snacks and games, allow time for cleanup.

Next Board Meeting will be May 23, 2011, 7 PM.

Adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Drew

Secretary, UUFBR Board of Trustees