

## UUFBR Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes June 28, 2010

Present: John Giordano-Weintraub, Linda Savini, Bill Bode, Bob Smith, Sharon Drew, Bill Jensen, Mary Beth Kugler, Suzanne Goffredo, Mel Kuritzky, and Doug Hughes.

Absent: Karen Sherman and Bob Guyett.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Covenants read.

**Minutes**-approved as presented.

**Presidents' Report**-The Board unanimously voted to accept the Report as presented.

Discussion of Item 1- A Proposal to Reduce Interest Rate was submitted to the Endowment Committee on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Doug Hughes motioned that the Board approve the agreement of the Endowment Committee to reduce the interest on the loan to UUFBR from 6% to 3%. Bob Smith seconded. Accepted unanimously.

Discussion of Item 2-An agreement has been signed with UUFBR to suspend the interest on a mortgage held by Lincoln Trust Bank in this fiscal year. It is to be paid back within five years.

Discussion of Item 3-Proposed Bylaw Addition and Alteration Section III Bill Jensen moved and Bob Smith seconded to accept the proposal as written to be presented to the Congregation for a vote at the next Congregational meeting in the Fall or no later than February. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of Item 4-What parameters or conditions define a voting member of UUFBR? What differentiates friends and associates? Can there be membership without paying dues or pledging? What is the bottom line amount? Can service be paid in lieu of money? Bill Jensen moved and Susan Goffredo seconded that the discussion be tabled to another time. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of Item 5-Can a change be made in the Endowment Funds By-Laws to enable Fund to give a grant to UUFBR in the event of financial hardship/instability? Doug Hughes motioned to send a letter to the Endowment Committee requesting discussion concerning the question and that the Committee be open to other ideas. Bill Jensen seconded and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**- Balance sheet discussed. At present UUFBR is solvent. The second staff furlough will take place as planned. Report accepted as presented.

**Sharex**-There is a need for a meeting about the Sharex tenants and representative from UUFBR. Bill Jensen, Bob Smith and Bill Bode will begin the process.

**Religious Education Report**-Discussion about fund-raising ideas. The RE Committee is actively attempting to help with fund-raising ideas. Suggestion of service events and food during sports events in the park behind the Fellowship was made for Committee's consideration.

**Fundraisers**-Linda Savini called for "cheerleaders" for each of the Fundraisers that have been started. Linda will encourage the Candlelight Coffee House. Mary Beth Kugler and Doug Hughes will assist the Bringing Outside Groups In. Sharon Drew will encourage the Food group. Susan Goffredo said Lynn Burns will be behind the Scrapbooking group. The Celebrity and Estate auction will be held on February 5 and Ilene Carter is very involved with that. Some discussion was made on the Goods and Services auction being a separate entity from the Professional/Personal Services group.

**Old Business-**

The Board-sponsored Pizza Game Night will be held July 31 and tickets are being sold on Sundays.

The Board-RE -sponsored Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 6 PM. Susan Goffredo is the point person for volunteers to contact.

The Board calendar reviewed and the June and July events and projects.

**New Business-**

A question arose regarding what is to be done about any urgent needs of congregants while the staff is on furlough. It was decided that John Giordano-Weintraub or Linda Savini shall be called to contact the appropriate person if needed.

As the minister is not present for meetings in the summer, Mary Beth Kugler will prepare a Chalice Lighting for the July meeting.

The next Board meeting is July 26, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Drew

UUFBR Board of Trustees Secretary