

UUFBR Congregational Meeting Minutes: March 27, 2011

Meeting opened by John Giordano-Weintraub at 12:30 PM.

Declaration of Quorum (32 minimum for 156 members) Sharon Drew, Board Secretary. 42 members were present and 14 members by proxy.

John Giordano-Weintraub explained the budget being proposed is a deficit budget. Robert Duchemin explained the printed budget. The difference between total income and total expenses for the 2011-12 Board approved budget is \$16,572. The new fiscal year is starting "in the black". The deficit does not include furloughs for staff and the dues for UUA are not removed from the expenses.

A plan was suggested to have a Congregational meeting on the first Sunday in October to review what the financial status of the Fellowship is at that time and what will need to be done if the deficit remains.

Discussion was held regarding renegotiation possibilities for the loans to UUFBR.

John asked for other ideas regarding the budget.

Jennifer Ligeti presented a proposal which includes conversation with the congregation regarding the Endowment Fund becoming the sole lender to UUFBR. The proposal also suggested a capital campaign to be conducted no later than 2014.

Jan Booer moved that Jennifer's proposal be submitted to the Endowment Committee for consideration and mandates the Board be in conversation with the Endowment Committee regarding the proposal. Alexis Moore seconded.

Discussion

The By-laws would need to be changed-Paul Chasse stated the Bylaws were controlled by the congregation.

Timeliness-Alexis Moore asked how much time the Committee would to study the proposal. July was mentioned but less members would be available. October might be better for representation of the congregation.

David Dubbin called the question. Motion passed.

Other ideas-

Gail Laarkin felt the membership committee needs to be formalized.

Ken Giordano-Weintraub suggested a campaign to raise money specifically for UUA dues.

David Dubbin suggested asking members for \$100 more per member for the year-that would come out to \$2. a week.

Elisabeth Hoffman stated it was appropriate to have UUA dues in the regular budget.

There needs to be a targeted campaign to raise money for the deficit rather that specifically for dues.

Approval of Budget as presented-unanimous.

Adjournment of meeting at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Drew

