

## UUFBR Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes January 24, 2011

1. Present: John Giordano-Weintraub, Linda Savini, Bill Bode, Bob Smith, Sharon Drew, Bill Jensen, Mary Beth Kugler, Suzanne Goffredo, Mel Kuritzky, Karen Sherman, Doug Hughes, Rev. Harris Riordan and Amy Carol Webb. Also present was Robert Duchemin.

Meeting called to order at 7 PM.

Inspiration by Amy Carol Webb.

Board Covenants read by all.

**Minutes**-approved as corrected.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendments**-a unanimous vote was taken to confirm approval for proposed changes in the Bylaws for consideration at the 2011 Annual Congregational Meeting.

### **Board Reports**

Doug Hughes reported that the sump pump would be either repaired or replaced on January 25, 2011. Also, 3 bids have been obtained for the replacement of the leaking roof. There was discussion of repair vs. replacement and the consensus was that replacement would be better in the long run. The lowest bid of \$19,180 from Grabowski Roof was chosen. Various possibilities for funding were advanced. Bill Jensen moved that a request be made to the Endowment committee for the emergency money in the Osias fund Doug Hughes seconded. Passed unanimously. Doug Hughes will prepare a request to the Endowment Committee.

**Auction Update**-Mary Beth reported that the auction planning group hopes to raise more than \$8000. Karen Sherman suggested that the Board plan an Auction fundraiser. Linda Savini moved that a Game Night be donated by Board members. Bill Bode seconded. 10 members voted for it, 1 abstained.

**Update on ABD Progress and Calendar**-Harris Riordan asked for volunteers to assist in the activities on February 6. RE families will be camping at Quiet Waters on that day so will be included in the activities by skyping. Visitors who have come to the Fellowship in the last few months have been invited to the service and luncheon.

John noted that the next Board needs to look into ways for more people to be involved in Annual Budget Drive planning next year.

**Family Promise**-The present coordinator, Melissa Livingston, is moving away in May and a new leader is needed. Bill Jensen asked the entire Board to assist in energizing the program and present ways to increase involvement.

**Discussion/Brainstorming re: retaining visitors/new members**-Karen feels she may have a possible candidate for a Membership Committee Chairperson. Also, a list of visitors has been compiled and Karen will send it to each Board member to allow each to become acquainted with the names and greet the visitors on Sundays.

### **Action Items-**

Item "Plan revisions of Bylaws as necessary" is completed and closed.

Item "Develop ideas to reduce number of Board members" is closed.

Item "Revise Policies and Board Calendar" remains open.

Item "Board members to learn to manage the Fellowship A/V system" is open.

John Giordano-Weintraub felt that 2 major thrusts for next year should be 1)earlier planning of the Annual Budget Drive with more Board involvement and 2)Fellowship member growth.

### **Board Calendar**

Karen Sherman reported a slate of Trustees to be presented to the Congregation.

The Joint meeting of the Board and the Finance Committee is scheduled for February 20.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 27 , 2011.

### **Old Business**

ILIR contract still needs to be signed. John Giordano-Weintraub will follow through.

### **New Business**

A discussion about firearms at UUFBR was held which would also extend to all Sharex users. It was moved to disallow firearms and weapons in the building and on UUFBR property. The vote was 8 affirmative and 3 abstentions.

Bill Jensen is building a data base of Fellowship activities and members involved in them. He will send to Board members for input.

Bill Jensen is concerned with Caring needs in the Congregation and feels that awareness of who needs what is a problem. He presented the idea that above data base could be used to direct people with like interests and activities to reach out to each other.

A discussion was held about how to implement the proposed Board positions and terms in the amendments to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

The next Board meeting is February 28, 2011, with the old and new Board.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Drew

UUFBR Board of Trustees Secretary