

UUFBR Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes October 25, 2010

1. Present: John Giordano-Weintraub, Linda Savini, Bill Bode, Bob Smith, Sharon Drew, Karen Sherman, Doug Hughes, Suzanne Goffredo, Rev. Harris Riordan and Amy Carol Webb. Also present were Anna Marie King and Greg Dora.

Absent: Mel Kuritsky, Bill Jensen and Marybeth Kugler.

Meeting called to order at 7 PM.

Inspiration by Amy Carol Webb.

Board Covenants read by all.

The resignation of Bob Guyett was announced.

**Minutes** approved as presented.

**Minister's Report**-There will be a new format of the Membership report presented to the Board each month in 6 different categories-Active members, Associate members, Inactive members, Pledging friends, Friends and Visitors. The Board needs to get more involved with these numbers. The By-laws state the Board reviews the entire membership once a year. There is a requirement of Financial support beyond the basic UUA dues of \$80 to be a voting member. At present the Fellowship office contacts those members who have not paid with a reminder, then in a year the Inactive member is contacted by mail to ascertain any intention of becoming Active. The member is archived if no response of a pledge. A waiver may be given by the minister. The By-laws do not have any statement allowing membership for service in lieu of a pledge. Clarification of the Membership process and specific Board involvement will be placed on the Board Action plan.

**Treasurer's Report**- The Balance available for current operations is \$25,833.79

**RE Trustee Report**-Suzanne reported the Italian Night Dinner, cosponsored by the RE Committee and the Board, was a success. She donated the wine and dessert which allowed the amount raised to be \$495.89. .

The Re Council has revised classes and has planned Children's Chapel until December.

Rev. Riordan will explore a Leadership meeting with Kenn Herto which will include the entire elected leadership and the RE Council as suggested by Suzanne in the September 20 Board Meeting.

**Board of Trustees-Number of Board Members**-A discussion of a change in the number of Board members was held. The possibility of fewer Board members was brought up. There would be a need for an odd number to allow for a solution to a tied vote. It was noted that the Treasurer works closely with the Finance Committee so a Finance Trustee is not imperative. Other possible changes could be eliminating the Administrative Trustee, eliminating a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President if there were Co-Presidents or a President and Past President, and combining the RE Trustee and Sunday Services Trustee. Also it might be advantageous to have a 3 year term. A subcommittee is needed to develop these ideas and prepare for presentation to the Congregation. It could not take effect until year after By-law changes.

**Action Items**-ongoing.

**Board Calendar**-

Endowment Committee update presented.

Building and Grounds update due in November. Insurance update due.

No Finance Committee report in October but will be presented in November.

**Annual Budget Drive**-some brainstorming of possible leaders of the Budget Drive was held. Bob Smith, John Giordano-Weintraub, Linda Savini and Bill Bode agreed to be involved in developing ABD team. Rev. Riordan will work with the ABD.

**New Business**-Rev. Riordan stated the efforts of specific members and groups in the Fellowship toward closing our budget gap are wonderful but there is a need for a much clearer written plan toward growth in the Fellowship. An Ad hoc committee was started with Linda Savini, Suzanne Goffredo and Karen Sherman agreeing to write up the plan developed by the Board.

Anne Marie King reported her observations of process of the meeting.

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

The next meeting will be November 15, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Drew

Secretary, UUFBR Board of Trustees