

Minutes of the Fundraising Update Congregational Meeting October 27, 2013

12:00 - 12:25 – Jeff Crews; Sign In; for the records

12: 25 – Greg Butler, parliamentarian, opened the meeting and established the **Declaration of a Quorum declaration of a quorum**, 30 members signed in, quorum needs have been met

12: 25 Meeting opened by Doug Hughes,

Move to Accept the Agenda: Charlie Cormier

Seconded by Dave VanCamp

Unanimous vote to accept agenda, MOTION PASSES

12:30 – Bob Goard, Board treasurer, addressed the congregation to go over the finances, expenses and income, of the congregation and the premises. He elaborated on the Share monies coming in and the pledges that are parts of the income. He gave details about the Endowment committee's monies and allocation of said monies. He opened the floor for questions and answers. There is a possible \$9,000.00 budget shortfall. We have presently met all financial responsibilities to date. We closed last year without any deficits.

12:40 Doug Hughes, Board Co-President, addressed the congregation. He went over the congregation's finances and the fund raisers that are coming up and asked for help to come up with new ideas for more fundraisers. Doug gave details about the monies that have been raised so far this year for operating expenses. Auction, Book sales, Englander Book sales, Flea market, Reel Art & Reel Politique, Rummage sale, Sunday lunches, & other brought in a total of \$5,779.00. Sharex has some new renters that will bring in an additional \$4,500.00 for the year. New Webb fundraiser (Dec. 7) will be bringing in an additional \$1,200.00 as well. Both of these items will help to offset the \$9,000.00 shortfall.

Doug also addressed the damaged/destroyed UUFBR sign at the front of the building on St. Andrews Blvd. We presently have a \$5,000 deductible with our insurance carrier. The congregation may go to the Endowment committee to help with this unusual situation.

12:55 Doug Hughes spoke about the need for new revenue streams to meet all of our objectives. Opening **the brainstorming** portion of this meeting.

1. Maria Mol offered that the persons in charge of the flea market to offer larger items for immediate sale instead of waiting for the annual flea market.

2. Harriet Schuman mentioned the idea of offering News Year Eve parties, which seem to be well attended in the past.

3. John Englander talked about offering \$10.00 per book as well as a free (for the congregation) lecture to the public about his book for pre-Christmas gift ideas.

4. Doug mentioned that UUFBR is going to join with Amazon so that when people decide to purchase John Englander's book (or other items) they congregation will realize 3 – 5% commission on those sales.

5. Harris Riordan mentioned that last year someone spoke about opening a Bed & Breakfast at UUFBR for other UU's throughout the US. It would entail someone to open up their home for guests form other UU congregations. The host would give anywhere from ½ to all of the monies raised to the congregation.

6. Gail Larkin talked about using the kitchen to offer cooking classes for healthier cooking for the community, taught by UUFBR members.

7. Harriet Schuman talked about making UUFBR a more visible target for holding weddings. (Doug mentioned that past attempts to advertise this service had not been fruitful.)

Move to adjourn the meeting: Bob Goard
Seconded by Jeff Crews

1:11 Congregational Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted: Jane Tobal