

FUUSE BOARD of TRUSTEES

Wednesday, June 8, 2011 7:00 PM

Present: Deb Merrick, Chair; Frank Heffron, Vice-Chair; Susan Gorman, Margaret O'Day, Jonathan Winsor; Rev. Kendra Ford, *ex-officio*

Absent: Skip Berrien, Bob Moore

Check-in

Light Chalice

Guidelines and Mission Statement/Vision review

Approval of minutes, May 11: Upon motion w/second, minutes were approved.

Annual Meeting June 12: Planning was finalized on details/logistics for Sunday service and annual meeting at Phillips Church, including coffee, projector/screen, microphone, etc.

Ethics in Action nominee: Meg Schoene, Sylvia Foster, Donna Schlachman have been nominated. The Board selected Meg by unanimous vote.

Summer Services: Susan Gorman reported from the Worship Leaders on interest in more structured services with children's care/programming, which happened some last summer. The Worship Leaders suggest a shortened schedule, from July 10-August 14, with an additional service on the Sunday of the Annual Retreat, all led by Worship Leaders. The thought is that this would provide a number of benefits both within the current community and in the broader community that might be "summer church shopping." There is sufficient interest in the Worship Leaders group to provide leadership for these services. It is felt, however, that more development will not be possible without Board approval of money for childcare. Kendra reported that a donation had been received from the family of Rose Kalish that could be used for this purpose. Discussion followed.

Upon motion w/second, the Board voted unanimously to approve up to \$500 for childcare for up to seven summer services on the above calendar.

Budget/investments/prioritize: Proposed FY2012 Budget, with a \$5,600 deficit was reviewed. Upon motion and second the Board approved the budget. Discussion followed regarding priorities for use of any surplus monies in future. Two suggestions are: coming closer to fair share to the UUA Program Fund and working toward 3% raise for Kendra that she declined this year. Question has also arisen as to purpose of investments. The Board agreed that further discussion/decisions concerning these and other financial questions should be tabled until September.

Change in Nominating Committee: Upon notice that Will Young has agreed to be nominated by the BOT for a position on the Nominating Committee, Frank Heffron has stepped aside to make room for that appointment. Upon motion/second, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Will to the position.

Minister's report: Kendra reported on some alternatives for worship and religious education for both children and adults. She will be working with both RE Committees to develop these ideas and provide the BOT with periodic written reports on the progress.

With regard to Kendra's summer leave, Board Members will be on call as follows:

Debbie Merrick will serve for the month of July, except 7/15-23, which will be covered by Margaret O'Day.

Stewardship: Deb reviewed information on a 3-year pilot program for Stewardship developed by the UUA. The UU congregation in Milford is one of the churches in the program.

Self- Assessment for BOT: A self-assessment tool developed by the Kellogg Project on Effective Governance is a possibility for use by the BOT on determining who we want to be in a potential visioning event for the fall.

Set date for summer retreat: Date will be decided after new Board members are elected at Annual Meeting and on board.

Summer BOT Meetings: Next planning meeting will be on June 22nd for purpose of bringing new members on board and deciding on summer retreat date. July Board meeting will be first Wednesday, July 6th, rather than the regular 2nd Wednesday.

Recap of directives and assignments

Responsible Party: Action and/or Issue	Target Date
Debbie to send copies of Stewardship Pilot Program to members of the Board	Prior to planning meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25 PM

Meeting minutes taken by: Pat Baker, FUUSE Office Administrator