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FUUSE Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes 10/14/09

In attendance: Tish Lewis, Bob Moore, Frank Heffron, Joy Bicknell, Karen Straub-Wiernicki, Kimberly Wootan, Kendra Ford, Jim Webber, Jim Breeling,

Kendra led a breathing meditation (So Hum) to start the meeting.

Old Business

Program for October 25th All Church Meeting

Jim Webber and Tish lead a discussion about the agenda and theme of the All Church Meeting. It was decided to play off Kendra's analogy of FUUSE as a garden to add fun and spirit to the otherwise informational meeting. The question of how to best manage member questions/comments was raised.

Given the time constraint, it was decided to offer forums on identified topics in the coming weeks to field any questions/comments more thoroughly than could be done within the meeting.

Financial Report

Jim Breeling provided a summary report of the financial status of FUUSE.

2009 was a year of remarkable restraint on the expense side allowing an almost balanced budget inspite of lost revenue.

In general, we are on track in terms of 1st quarter spending as related to annual budget. Income is slightly ahead of expectation, but will most likely even out through the year.

Jim will identify a member of the Finance Committee to share this report at the All Church Meeting as he, himself will be unable to attend.

Safe Congregation Policy

Kimberly and Frank spoke about the progress of the task force on revising the Safe Congregation Policy. It was decided that a series of forums would be advertised and held to encourage the congregation to participate in the drafting of a policy acceptable to all. The first of these forums will be 10/18 after the 11am service. Bob volunteered to moderate. A second forum will be scheduled for 11/15 after the 11am service. Bob, Paul Robinson and Kimberly will moderate. Other dates will be chosen based on need and in coordination with the church calendar.

A special meeting will be scheduled in January or February at which point the membership of FUUSE will have the opportunity to vote on the revised policy.

By-Laws

Frank gave an update on the progress of the task force on revising the FUUSE By-Laws. It was decided to hold a series of forums to encourage the congregation to provide input and feedback on the By-Laws. The first of these forums will be held in November and more will be scheduled as needed.

A membership vote on the revised By-Laws will be held at the special meeting to be scheduled in January or February.

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Sabbatical Report

Kendra offered a summary of the work of the Sabbatical Committee which she will also present at the All Church Meeting. The Committee continues to work with Kendra to identify responsibilities and roles filled by the minister and to develop a plan to meet these when she is away.

New Business

Workshops for the Year

Tish has arranged for a workshop on Leadership to be given by Mary Higgins of the UUA November 18, 2009.

It was suggested that a workshop on running a capital campaign be explored to educate the Board on what is involved in a successful campaign.

Calendar for the Year

Tish reviewed the calendar for the year as it will be presented at the All Church Meeting.

11/21- auction

End of February – pledge drive

3/7/2010 - commitment Sunday

4/30/2010 – budgets due to BOT

5/2010 – budget hearings

5/30/2010 – annual meeting

Leadership Gaps

Tish talked about the work of the Nominating Committee to find candidates for the open positions of Treasurer and In-Coming Board Chair. Members have been approached and candidates are being identified to be presented to the Board for approval.

Finance Committee's Request for a Printing Policy

Tish introduced the idea of and need for a Printing Policy as identified by the Finance Committee. Further discussion will be needed to fully explore the topic and gather necessary information to form a policy.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully,

Karen Straub-Wiernicki