

03/11/09

FUUSE Board Minutes for Wednesday, March 11th

Present: Dave Szarmach, Jennifer Morriss, Tish Lewis, Bob Moore, Kendra Ford, Joy Bicknell, Karen Straub-Wiernicki

Those not attending: Ray Zolton, Kimberly Wooton

Meeting began at 7:00 PM

Old Business

Proposal by Taylor and Williams

The Taylor and Williams' charette is set for Saturday, May 9th at 9 AM. The brainstorming session will be directed by Jeff Taylor and Chris Williams. Debbie Merrick, Paul Robinson, and others from BFSG will take a tour of the facilities with Chris and Jeff in the morning. From 10:00 – 11:15 AM, Taylor and Williams will interview other members of the FUUSE congregation including BSFG. Between 11:15 and 3 PM the group will do their brainstorming work and come up with a quick design. At 3 PM there will be recommendations presented by Chris and Jeff to FUUSE members.

Feasibility Matching Dollars Fund Drive

The matching dollars feasibility fund drive deadline is March 31. Those interested in contributing should make out a check to FUUSE and place it in the basket with a note that the money is for the Feasibility Study Fund.

Strategic Plan

The Board took time to go over the first 20 Provocative Propositions on Draft #4 of the Strategic Plan. Target dates were set including: Review the current structure and create a structure that will support the growth of the congregation and its programs, activities, and services with the goal of reducing the number of committees, etc. (03/10), Create a Task Force to review the bylaws (04/09), Review the job description of the DRE (05/09), Define the responsibilities of office volunteers (05/09), evaluate the need for a full-time DRE (01/10), Hire a bookkeeper on an hourly wage to track the church budget (09/09). Other propositions were discussed and dates set accordingly.

While discussing the Strategic Plan, a recommendation was made to change the name Leadership Committee to Nominating Committee.

Bob made a motion: The Board accepts the Schedule of Fees for use of the Buildings (private parties, events, and meetings) effective 03/11/09. Dave seconded, and the motion passed.

Dave made a motion: The Board accepts the Alcohol Policy Agreement as an interim policy effective 03/11/09. Joy seconded. 1 abstaining, and 5 in favor. The motion passed.

By-Laws

Jennifer and Tish have agreed that a review of the by-laws is in order.

Board Openings

For fiscal year 2009-2010, there are several openings that will be available on the Board including:

- 1) In-coming Chair
- 2) Treasurer
- 3) 3 at-large openings
- 4) Board Secretary

Joy agreed to make some phone calls to see if she could get FUUSE members interested in joining the Nominating Committee.

A suggestion was made that a Director of Religious Education (DRE) relations member should be a recommendation by the Board.

Ethics in Action Award

A suggestion was made that the Social Justice Committee make an announcement that the Board is now receiving nominations for the 2009 Ethics in Action Award. Bob agreed to make this announcement through Pat Baker's FUUSE e-mail update.

Over time, there will be a change in the information that is announced on the Thursday Weekly Updates. These announcements will be calendar driven with dates. Personal information will be posted on the FUUSE website (www.exeteruu.org).

Program Council

Program Council is writing some reflections on what they do... This will help to define their role(s).

Minister's Report

Kendra explained that the past several weeks were quite full with the need for a lot of pastoral care.

Finance Committee

The expected pledge number for the new fiscal year is estimated now at \$227,000 instead of \$234,000.

Facilities Committee

There is a pressing need for a sexton. The word is that the small things that need attention are not getting the attention they deserve. This is making daily activities slow and cumbersome.

The next meeting is schedule for March 25 @ 6:45 PM. The focus of the meeting will be on the 2009-2010 budget.

Board Minutes from February 9, 2009 will be voted on at the next meeting.

Meeting ended at 9:00 PM.

Action and/or issue	Responsible Party and/or target date
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The Board accepts the Alcohol Policy Agreement as an interim policy effective 03/11/09.	Board of Trustees, the motion carried with 1 abstaining.
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Respectfully submitted,

Bob Moore