

MUUC Board of Trustees Meeting  
14 September 2009

Present: Sheila Devlin, Cherokee Helms Gleason, Jim Jackson, Kathy Klos  
Regrets: Alison Loftin  
Guests: Shaun Devlin, Nancy Irish, Nancy Sullivan

***Celebrant's Report:*** Nancy Irish provided a detailed list of items and projects currently on her plate.

***Secretary's Report:*** Approved the previously distributed minutes from the August 24, 2009 meeting.

***Financial Report:*** Draft August report reviewed. Discussed how MUUC should account for events/activities such as the Rummage Sale for Haiti, Camp MUUC, the Fellowship of the Phoenix New Orleans trip and the upcoming OWL. JMJ will draft a policy for future Board discussion. Draft Real Property Fund also reviewed. The Board will wait for the Fund Trustees to meet again before addressing the topic of whether to recommend applying some monies to paying down the mortgage.

***Updates on Old Business:***

***Resolving the Budget Inequality:*** Nancy Sullivan discussed the thoughts of the Community Development Committee. Shaun presented a Scenario #4 (to replace Scenario #2) based on further input from the Program and Building Committees on their budget lines. Given commitments for \$4,000 in additional pledges and expense reductions by the two committees noted above and the Community Development Committee totaling \$4,800, the Board discussed the question of whether a congregational meeting was still necessary. Recognizing there were advantages and disadvantages to both approaches, the Board chose to proceed with the congregational meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

The mini-pledge drive (assuming it is approved by the congregation) will commence on September 27<sup>th</sup> and conclude on October 10<sup>th</sup> (when mail reaches the Devlins' house – recognizing that if someone hands Shaun a completed form at the Meeting House on the 11<sup>th</sup>, it would be included in the pledges for budgeting purposes.) Pledge cards will be available at the Congregational Meeting for those in attendance and mailed on September 28<sup>th</sup> to the remaining members and pledging friends.

Based on the increased pledges, whatever the congregation approves at the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding fundraisers and input provided to the Board, the Board will develop a new 2009-10 budget at its October 12, 2009 meeting.

Discussed the design of the meeting; final preparations will occur on Saturday as part of the Board's retreat.

***Keeping Membership Books up-to-date:*** Based on input from the Community Development Committee received after the regular August meeting, the Board authorized that committee (rather than the Secretary) to be responsible for determining whether members who have left the area wish to remain members and to solicit written confirmation if they wish to resign from membership prior to the end of the year. Sheila moved; Kathy seconded; all approved.

***Stewardship Timetable:*** The Board hopes to discuss at its retreat the types of stewardship budgets in order to provide the Stewardship Committee guidance they requested. With respect to timetables to accomplish the 2010 stewardship campaign, the Board requests the Stewardship Committee to provide the Board with its final recommendations (making sure to highlight to items the Board is responsible for – such as when it must request and receive budget requests from the committees.)

***Next regular meeting:*** 4:30 pm, October 12, 2009 @ the Meeting House.

Submitted,

James M. Jackson, Secretary