

MUUC Board of Trustees Meeting October 12 2009

Present: Sheila Devlin, Jim Jackson, Kathy Klos, Alison Loftin
Regrets: Cherokee Helms Gleason
Guests (for all or a portion of the meeting): Nancy Irish, gg gordon, Shaun Devlin

Celebrant's Report: Nancy Irish led a discussion of a proposal by the Community Development Committee for a mediation process to involve the Board, Nancy Irish, Melissa Middleton, Shaun Devlin and members of the CDC and RE committees. The Board agreed the process would be helpful for all concerned. Nancy Sullivan has made preliminary contact with Rev. Jon Magnusson. Nancy Irish will ask Nancy Sullivan to get more details in terms of amount of time required and Rev. Magnusson's availability so this can be scheduled as soon as possible.

Secretary's Report: Approved the previously distributed minutes from the September 14, 2009 board meeting and the September 27, 2009 congregational meeting. Jim will contact former board members to try to fill in the missing holes in historical board minutes.

Financial Report: Draft September report reviewed.

Revised budget for 2009-10 approved as follows:

	Original Budget	Change	Revised Budget
Income			
Pledges	66,350		66,350
Unpledged	8,200	4,000	12,200
Net Investment Income	331		331
Total	74,881	4,000	78,881
Expenses			
Administrative & Child Care	2,100		2,100

Association Fees	4,158		4,158
Celebrant/Community Coordinator	34,000		34,000
Community Development	750	(250)	500
Facility	28,050	(2,550)	25,500
Kitchen/Hospitality	400		400
Land	550		550
Music	1,500		1,500
Program	3,350	(2,000)	1,350
Religious Education	13,573		13,573
Social Action	400		400
Stewardship	1,050	(650)	400
Total	89,881	(5,450)	84,431
Receipts minus Expenses (Net Income)	(15,000)	9,450	(5,550)

Having run out of time, deferred discussion of the **draft Operating Funds Policy** until November, including disposition of the “Fellowship of the Phoenix” funds, which is a specific issue under the broader policy.

Updates on Old Business:

Board Goals for 2009-10:

Improve relations between Board and MUUC Staff (see discussions under Celebrant’s report and other items below.)

Lead process for the congregation to develop a set of core values for itself (to be completed in time to apply to Stewardship campaign): Based on Ian Evison’s offer to come to Marquette the weekend of February 21st, discussed whether we could use Ian to kick-off the visioning/mission process as outlined in material Stewardship forwarded to the board. Next Step: Sheila will speak with Ian to determine if he thinks that would be a good approach. If so, next steps are to gather a task force to take over implementation of the process, including involving the other UP UU congregations.

Jointly develop job descriptions and contracts with staff: Nancy Irish forwarded just before the meeting the material provided to the board last spring. Melissa has a job description developed by the RE committee when she was hired. She will work with the RE committee to update the description if needed to reflect her increased hours for the 2009-10 year.

Help the congregation and Religious Education come to a common understanding of congregational level of commitment toward Religious Education: Agreed the first step in developing a common vision for RE was education. Discussed with Melissa a number of possible ways to develop more congregational understanding of what it takes to sponsor the current RE program, including a Forum, Sunday service encompassing the issue, UU Chronicle articles. Melissa will discuss with the RE committee at their October 13th meeting and the committee will bring its ideas to the Board.

Assist Nominating Committee to recruit Board Members for the 2010-2012 terms: Discussed possible members for the nominating committee. After selecting members the next step will be to invite them to a board meeting to discuss what we perceive the needs to be to help them choose candidates and make the ask.

Recruit Co-treasurer to join Shaun Devlin: Jim to contact a possible interested party to determine level of interest and what information the individual needs in order to make a decision.

Draft Gift Acceptance Policy: Discussion deferred.

New Business:

Financial Support of 2010 General Assembly delegates: Barb Michael requested the Board to discuss paying part of our two delegate expenses for GA. The Board recognizes the merit of supporting its delegates; however, the Board has no discretionary funds in the budget. Consequently, anyone considering attending GA next year should make plans with the knowledge that MUUC will be unable to help with financial support.

Renaming Adult Forum: The Program Committee asked whether the Board wished to be consulted regarding renaming the "Adult Forum." The Board appreciates being asked, but has full confidence the Program Committee will make a good decision.

Next regular meeting: 4:30 pm, November 9, 2009 @ the Meeting House.

Submitted,
James M. Jackson, Secretary