

Present: Barbara Weatherhead, Beth Gohdes, Bruce Nelson, Adele Hansen, Ruth Agar, Bob Aderhold, Lizz Hutchinson, Mary Ann Lundquist, Kendyl Gibbons, Caidin Riley and Morgan Rock

Absent: Tim Palmquist and Dan Hunt

Barbara called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

I. Check-In

A. Announcements/Appreciation

- FUS received a certificate from the PSD for being a “Green Star Congregation,” being among the congregations with the greatest numerical growth in one year.
- UUA MidWest Leadership School brochure for July 19-25 in Beloit, WI was circulated.
- The children’s musical was great!
- Appreciation was expressed for all who contributed to the intern fund.
- The Foundation voted to accept the suggestion of the Board of Trustees, that the Vanguard GNMA Fund holding be transferred to the Foundation Schwab Endowment account; when this is accomplished, the Foundation will then transfer the exact amount of that transaction in cash to the Board of Trustees Schwab account.

B. Additions/Changes/Corrections to the Board agenda: none

II. Guest and/or Staff Address

A. Financial Report (Mary Ann)

- See attached reports.
- Mary Ann requested that there be recognition of the Future is Now and the Foundation donations that have been given this year during a Sunday assembly. Barbara will take on getting the check props created with the help of Will, and she will present them on May 10, when she is already scheduled to give announcements.
- April is not looking good per Mary Ann’s conversation with Bob C.
- See attached audit for July 1, 2007-January 30, 2008. No big problems were noted, just a few areas that need tightening up.

B. Minister’s Report

- See attached report.
- Kendyl is looking forward to May, when she has no travel planned. She noted that there are many ways in which she is noticing Tim’s absence, personally and professionally, especially as situations occur where he would have been able to contribute his presence and talents.

C. Staff Report: Caidin Riley

- Caidin circulated Rental Income, Grant and Credit Reports for 2008-09 and 2009-10, which showed:
 - FUS increased rentals 104% over last year and more than doubled its space usage from last year.
 - The rental income goal for 2008-09 was \$13,000 and there is \$3,397.50 more than that coming in.
 - The rental income goal for 2009-10 is \$15,000 and currently there is \$810.00 more than that projected to come in.
 - For 2008-09 FUS granted \$17,465 in in-kind rentals. For next year there will be a \$3,000 cap for non-UU-related in-kind rentals with a \$300 cap per grant application.
- The tracking that Caidin is doing is great!
- Caidin is currently creating a list for needs/upgrades for the building.

III. Board Business

A. Policy & Procedure review

- An FUS board member training manual is need: Adele agreed to work on this.
- The policies and procedures submitted for review are works in progress.
- Dates should be included on all versions of policies and procedures.
- There needs to be a common format for all policies and procedures.
- Where does the responsibility for the creation and approval of policies and procedures lie?
 - Board liaisons should monitor the developments, changes, and implementation of the policy and procedures of their committees. However, substantive or controversial changes in any policies and procedures should be brought by the liaisons to the board.
- Communications policies
 - Some changes and additions were made.
- There should be a forward to the policy and procedure manual with information addressing the fifth bullet above.

B. Building & Grounds update

- The water separation project is on hold.
- FUS signed the contract on Monday for the Groveland entrance upgrades.
- The group is putting together a list of needs and desires for the building and grounds in preparation for GA.

C. Event Plans – Conversation with the Trustees, Annual Meeting, Ice Cream Social

- Conversation with the Trustees: led by Beth at noon this Sunday.
- Annual Meeting: The agenda is in process. The parliamentarian will be Gary. Dinner at 5:45 p.m. is free and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Board members will help in the kitchen with set up for this meal (beginning at about 4:30-5:00 p.m.). A board member (Lizz volunteered) is needed to work registration with Will. A sign in sheet is needed for all the members (get from Will).
- Ice Cream Social: June 7. Scott will bring ice cream. Lizz will be the point person for this event.

D. Awards (need a Hands on Humanism nominee)

- The Unsung UU award will be given on May 10.
- The Hands on Humanism award will be given on May 24.

F. GA Delegates/UU presidential voting process

- A survey for FUS MEMBERS only to indicate their preference for the next UUA president will be included in the Flash, (with a link for folks to learn about becoming FUS members), and links to both candidates' websites.

G. Budget

- Mary Ann reviewed the latest changes that were made to the budget. Beth will make sure the new changes are made.
- It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the board approve the proposed 2009-2010 budget with a three dollar surplus.

H. Reports from Board Task Groups

- Strategic Planning: The SPC would like to present the strategic plan, and the priorities that should be focused on first, to the new board at the June meeting. The next Leadership Team meeting is May 16 at which the agenda includes the following items: generate a theme for next year, review calendar, summer assemblies, and collaboration opportunity grants.
- Music Plan: no update.
- Congregational Policies & Procedures: as presented above.
- Communications: Website subcommittee update: They have met five times. Content management systems are being reviewed. The goal is to have the new site to launch mid to end

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of August. Significant discussions have been had about training for users. A significant portion of the Leadership team should receive training on this. It will be very user-friendly for committees and groups. The group is also developing sub-policies around website updates and usage of the pages. Office volunteers can check to make sure updates are being made on a regular basis.

- Year Round Programming: They are meeting and preparing for the summer. There is a gallery exhibit scheduled. There will be a community service Sunday. All Sundays are covered and all but two will be done by members.
- Capital Improvements: has not met.
- 2010 GA Preparations: A local chair has now been identified. Perhaps he could do a forum in the fall.
- Financial Records: done
- Budget: see above.
- Awards: see above.

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IV. Strategic Planning Discussion

A. Member Concerns

- Swine flu: Lizz is in conversation with Bill Weir about protocol for FUS on the developments with the Swine Flu vis-a-vis the FUS Emergency Preparedness Committee.

B. Annual “parting Shots” from retiring Board members (Tim Palmquist, Ruth Agar, Barbara Weatherhead and Bob Aderhold)

- Hope was expressed for continued work in the format of Task Groups and continued work on Policies and Procedures.
- Several members mentioned that they enjoyed serving, and that they will miss it. Departing board members named other areas in which they plan to focus their time now.

V. Action Items

A. Approve minutes of March Board meeting

- It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the board approve the minutes of the March board meeting as corrected.

B. Approve new members (Bob): No new members to approve at this time.

C. Approve new Foundation (Anne Langaard & John Jacobsen)

- It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the board approve Anne Langaard and John Jacobsen for the Foundation board.

D. Schedule May Board meeting: May 20, 7:00 p.m.

VI. Meeting Wrap-Up

A. Trustee Tidbit: The board thanks the four retiring board members and invites all to the ice cream social on June 7.

B. Meeting Evaluation: It was painless and darn good.

Barbara adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Reports & Materials

- Meeting minutes 3/09 (Ruth)
- Minister report (Kendyl)
- Financial Statements (Bob C.)
- Membership Report (Teresa/Bob A.)
- Budget draft
- Policies and Procedures Drafts