

## Splinters from the Board: April 10, 2011

Present: Mary Alsager, Norma Bailey, Vicki Chessin, Joyce Henricks, Gisela Moffit, Valerie Stephens

1. The Chalice was lighted and Mary called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM
2. Consent Agenda: The minutes of the Board meeting of March 14 were approved as part of the consent agenda.
3. Treasurer's report (Gisela for Alan)
  - a) Current status of the Stewardship drive as of Friday AM: 18 pledging units have pledged \$48,560.00 (the same pledges last year = \$46,800.00 up just <10%. Since then an additional 7 pledging units have pledged and 3 more have taken forms and promised to return them.
4. Worship Team report (Mary as discussed with Dawn)
  - a. The building dedication has been re-scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 25 at 3PM. With the change in date Gini Courter will once again be invited.
  - b. Dawn was pleased to receive the list of Board members who are willing to read announcements or welcoming words. She reiterated the importance of the speaker using the microphone to help those who are hearing impaired.
  - c. Beth and Dawn are looking into buying a digital keyboard in the coming week. This was approved by the board not to exceed \$1000.
  - d. Nana' has arranged transportation and is planning to come on Easter Sunday April 24 to deliver the sermon. The board voted to offer her \$600 for the presentation of the sermon and the support she is providing Dawn considering Nana's more limited role in pastoral care and other committee meetings at this time.
  - e. Mary met with Dawn for her annual evaluation. Her job description was reviewed and our high level of satisfaction with the quality of the worship services and music were expressed. Dawn shared her concerns about training new worship associates, opportunities for professional development, and pastoral care issues. The board supports Dawn's attending GA in June.
5. RE Committee (Norma)
  - a. At the April meeting a new Chair for the committee will be selected.
  - b. New members: Cynthia Damer and Brooke Bradley.
  - c. Mary Irving has suggested the UUFCM place a Peace Pole in the yard. Perhaps the children could be involved in making one and the pole dedicated at the time of the dedication of the UU Center. Estimated cost \$300.

- d. Sabrina had volunteered to head up the renovation of the attic for the teens and may not be able to do so this summer.
  - e. Curriculum planning for the coming year will start at the next meeting.
  - f. Megan will be doing the curriculum for the summer program.
  - g. Norma will share the board's concern with Megan that there be RE "sponge" plans for those students attending when there are too few to present the curriculum planned.
6. Social Action Committee /Welcoming Congregation (Norma)
- a) Welcoming Congregation timeline – attached -with additions to include the 10 youth involved in OWL, the change for our restrooms to non-gender identified and participation with conference calls with the UUSJN and the upcoming service, potluck and presentation of the "Laramie Project" on April 17.
  - b) The board supports the wording for the Welcoming Congregation resolution. – attached.
  - c) The board supports an opportunity for members to review the Welcoming Congregation timeline and resolution at a Q & A to be held after the worship service on Sunday, May 8.
  - d) The Resolution will be put to a membership vote at the Annual Meeting after worship on Sunday, May 15.
7. Building Report (Gisela)
- a. Lott Construction will begin remodeling the kitchen/fellowship hall on Monday May 2.
  - b. Gisela has been getting commitments to help relocate the contents for the storage room and the kitchen cupboards on Sat. April 16, with consideration of the potluck planned for April 17.
  - c. Mary will be able to supervise relocating items to the cupboards when the construction is completed the end of May.
  - d. Lott has indicated a 25" x 90" pass through counter will cost \$1069 more and the pull down roller door will cost \$789. Adjusting for a reduction from 8 to 6 ft on size reduces projected cost. Joyce will look into less expensive material of construction that may be available and she and Gisela will decide which to use. The board supports both solid non-laminate counter top and a pull down closure for the pass through in concept. Locking is not necessary.
  - e. Gisela has arranged use of the library annex for May 8, 15 and 22 for the RE classes while the construction is underway. No coffee hour planned.
  - f. Wall paper has arrived and is ready to be hung in the downstairs bathrooms.
  - g. Sign is repaired and ready to be reinstalled. It will still need the windows replaced and repainted.

8. Bylaws Committee (Norma) –
  - a. The board supported the latest revision of the bylaws.
  - b. Norma will forward the latest version reflecting support by the board dated 4/10/2011 to Kirsten to Email to the membership with 3 copies USPS mailed to the three members who do not use Email.
  - c. A Q &A will be provided after worship on Sunday, May 8.
  - d. The current bylaws permit an absent member to select one attending member to be given written power of proxy. This must be given to the secretary prior to exercise of the proxy. A member may only vote proxy for one member.
9. Stewardship Committee (Gisela)
  - a. Gisela reported the stewardship drive is well under way.
  - b. The kick-off Cabaret/ Talent Show went well.
  - c. All circle suppers have been completed except Gisela's next Friday intended to pull in those who missed an earlier one or needed the last weekend. Some members and friends have not responded to Gisela's invitation.
10. Membership Committee Report (Gisela)
  - a. Gisela will schedule a new member orientation for a Saturday in May. These are presented by Laura Frey and Nancy White and often lead to new members signing the book.
11. Other:
  - a. Raeanne Lohner still plans to begin taping the services. She needs to be in-serviced on the equipment by Alan Jackson.
  - b. Norma suggested the Annual Meeting on May 15 include recognition of the services provided by so many members and friends over the last year in addition to the 4 votes required: 1) the Budget for 2011-12, 2) New board members and officers, 3) Revisions of the Bylaws and 4) the resolution to become a Welcoming Congregation.
  - c. Norma also suggested we consider granting a Social Action Courage award to a special member who has been serving the cause of justice for decades. The board supported this. Norma will get more information.

Next meeting will be Sunday, May 8, 2011 at 7 PM at the UU Center  
 Meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Chessin, secretary