

## Splinters from the Board

### May 4, 2014

**Present:** Ricky Courlander, Vicki Chessin, Scott Daigle, Laura McBride, Gisela Moffit, Grace Rollins, Janet Simon, Rev. Joe Cleveland

1. Chalice was lighted and Rev. Joe read words by Edward Schempp from the Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide.
2. Welcome and check in
3. Consent Agenda – Minutes of April 13, 2014 board meeting with correction that June 1 will be the picnic.
4. Updates/ Announcements:
  - a. GA June 25 – 29, 2014 will be in Providence RI ([www.uua.org/ga/](http://www.uua.org/ga/)) Joyce Henricks will ride with Gisela and Tom Moffit. We have received word there is room for at least one person to ride with a woman going from Midland. Gisela has that contact info. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.
  - b. Annual Meeting Report – Kirsten has all the reports needed except for the budget we will be revising tonight. It is needed by Friday for publication. The official announcement of Annual Meeting with the agenda, bylaws changes, motions and budget need to be sent to the congregation by then. Gisela will do this.
  - c. Jim Scott concert- he wants to piggy back a concert on Friday night, May 30 here, but we will need to decline due to heavy time commitments that weekend already (the Board Retreat on May 31 as well as the Worship in the Park the next day)
5. Interim Minister's Report (Joe) – Has been busy with planning Worship, providing pastoral care and coordinating with Mr. Wiseman about the TT workshop. He was able to look in on the RE classes last Sunday for the first time. Unfortunately there were very few children and they did not follow the curriculum. He preached at St John's Episcopal Church. Spent hours with Kirsten trying to solve Email troubles. (Joe has not been getting E news from Kristen and she does not consistently get his Emails.) He will be in Lansing all day this coming Wednesday taking training and then visiting representatives about clean air.
6. Transition Team's Report – received from Norma and attached. No actionable items.
7. Worship Team report (Vicki) – No report yet this month. There has not been another meeting since the last Board meeting. Next Meeting is Wednesday, May 14.
8. Treasurer's report (Ricky) – attached. This monthly report is not complete because Kirsten has not turned in her April hours. We can expect \$400 or more for Kirsten. This month we took in more than we spent, however it included \$850.00 prepaid from pledges made for next year. Without that we would be about even.

9. RE committee report (Scott) –no new report/ the next meeting is next Monday. Bill Tinsley is doing very well with the RE Committee responsibilities he has taken on. They will be discussing the process for hiring the next DRE.

10. Social Action report (Grace) – The congregation is invited to support the UUFCM Standing on the Side of Love in a parade on Saturday, March 24 in Alma marching in the Highland Festival in support of the LGBTQ community and marriage equality. Then later that same day in Mt Pleasant we plan to have a presence at the Stop Monsanto March.

11. Membership committee report (Laura) - two new members signed the book on Sunday, April 21 (Carol Rard and Paulette Moerdyk). We still hope Michelle Whitney, Kim Barnes and Bob Barnes will do so soon. Bob is working most Sundays in his new job.

12. **Miscellaneous Reports**

- a. Social Fun (Laura) –We had our largest potluck ever this month
- b. Building Manager (Janet) – no report
- c. Publicity – no report
- d. Communication Task force (Grace) – no report
- e. Caring Committee (Laura) – Roze Finn was supported through her surgery last week and is doing well. She was discharged today and Mary Alsager brought her home. Joyce Henricks took her on the day of surgery last week. Meals are requested.

13. **Old business –**

- a. Update on Stewardship (Ricky / Gisela) we received a total of \$79,383.00 in pledges from 38 contributing households. Last year we had 43 contributing households, but we have lost 5 founding members. Several others who have moved or who pledged and did not make their contribution last year declined to pledge this year. Thus this reflects the addition of new people and at least half of the households who did pledge increased their pledges.
- b. Annual Meeting (Gisela) - Volunteer recognition will be included in the worship service around the Time for All Ages story. Bill Tinsley will be asked to recognize people who served the RE program this year, Vicki Chessin will recognize those who served our Worship needs and Gisela will do all others. The planned Special Service Awards will be given later at the Annual Meeting following worship.
- c. Spring Board and TT Retreat will be May 31 from 9 – 3. The Transition Team, old and new Board members are invited. Joe will run the gathering. This will be an opportunity to take a “bigger view of what is going on” – consider future needs including leadership development/ new programs/ changes that might work. A new mission statement and better vision will be discussed using input from the Transition Team findings.
- d. Volunteer recruitment for spring and summer volunteers as well as early recruitment for RE teachers for the fall will be addressed at the Worship in the Park Sunday on June 1.
- e. Worship in the Park will be June 1 at Island Park at 10:30 a.m. We need to

send out early notices to everyone to meet at the park as well as posting signs on the door that Sunday. Consider sound system needs as well as how to approach volunteer recruitment. Joe will be there that Sunday.

- f. New vision/mission statement is deferred to the retreat on May 31.

#### 14. **New business –**

- a. Budget revision – Budget revised where needed and Scott will make a pitch for proving sustainability by having a 4-5% pledge challenge at the Annual Meeting.
- b. At the All Congregation Meeting following worship today, Sunday, May 04, 2014 the Board presented the process they followed before offering a one year,  $\frac{3}{4}$  - time ministerial position to Dawn Daniels. There was a unanimous vote of support by the congregation for the Board's action. Unfortunately some were not there and we will need to try to get the word out this week with another All Congregation Email. Vicki will do this.
- c. Board tickler for May was reviewed. Most tasks have been done. We will move the prompt to plan the date for the August Board Retreat to the month of June after the new board members have been elected. This year we can discuss this at the May 31 Retreat.

- 15. Adjourned at 8:42 PM.      Respectfully submitted by Vicki Chessin, secretary