

UUFCM Board of Trustees Minutes
August 11, 2012
3:15 pm at the residence of Chris Nace

UUFCM Covenant

Granting each other freedom of mind and spirit, we commit to this community of mutual care. In that spirit of caring, we pledge to be mindful when speaking of and to one another. We will walk in the ways of truth and loving-kindness that we and our children may always be fulfilled. So that the world may be fulfilled, we dedicate ourselves to the work of justice and peace, seeking always to soothe sorrow and to inspire joy.

UUFCM Mission Statement

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Michigan, believing that we have something precious to share, supports its members in their pursuit of lives worth living through:

- Reason - understanding our complex lives and the world
- Spirituality - exploring the indefinable and transcendent
- Community - celebrating and nurturing individuals and families of diverse circumstances
- Social Justice - transforming our shared values into action

Present: Norma Bailey, Vicki Chessin, Ricky Courlander, Sarah Curry (via skype), Gisela Moffit, Chris Nace, Grace Rollins, and Rev. Dr. Nana' Kratochvil

- 1) Consent agenda – Minutes of July meeting, moved, seconded and approved.
- 2) Treasurer's report (Ricky) – Year end report from Alan, Ricky will give us a quarterly report next time. We owe MUUSJN \$308 and Ricky will send that. Will do a mailing with pledge updates quarterly.
- 3) Minister's report (Nana') – attached – mainly detailed pastoral care.
- 4) Worship Team report (Vicki)- none –Worship team retreat tomorrow to block out the next year. (Eighth grader moving to ninth grade at end of school year. Mya Gilmore graduating.)
- 5) RE committee report (Norma)- 9/16 potluck in the park as kick off for parents.
- 6) Nana suggests consulting with Nancy at Heartland about the "con culture." before going there. Consider building our own program. Mystic Lake camp. Involve the youth in the adult life of the church. Invite the HS youth to participate in our Adult RE.
- 7) Social action report (Norma)- as of yesterday the ordinance has gone into effect. There can be no referendum for 2 years. Union Township is looking at the Mt P City ordinance as a model.
- 8) Membership committee report (Gisela) – attached report from Guy for his plans to use the Chalice Lighter grant. Stacey Pattison will be the director of the video planned for you-tube and linked to the web site. Billboards are planned – draft attached. Ricky is putting the principles in the "wayside pulpit" so we are looking into other posters. Need fliers made for businesses, etc., then to identify locations to post and repost. Need someone who will monitor and replace our fliers. Vista Print is an on line printing service to be considered for a competitive price to local printers.
- 9) Old business -A) Sign over Wisconsin Street door (Chris N) It was moved and approved that we add our chalice logo over the red doors on the West side and use aluminum for the construction of the logo over the south side. The motion was approved. B) Ricky reported that Mark Reohr has supplied a quote and design for a pulpit. Suggested Oak Plywood and will stain it for \$300 to include the chalice on front. The Board moved to go ahead with more specific design plans. The board voted to return the pulpit ASAP. Vicki will contact Tina. C) RE Director (Norma)- Niki Henry was hired for the position after the interviews. D) Arms Around Committee (Ricky) Ashley Rae is still willing to do a workshop training in active listening for lay members, but does not have the time to take on administrative co-chair. At the "job fair" we will update the Arms Around

directory, then Ricky will look for someone who is able to help finding volunteers by email and direct calling. The needs can range from nothing to four issues in one week. E) \$1000 Chalice Lighter Grant (Grace) –see above under Membership Committee report, F) MUUSJN Collection total (Ricky) needs the rest of the money collected sent. Ricky was authorized to do so. G) Michigan Project for Informed Public Policy (MPIPP). UUFCM sponsorship of the training project (Norma) on learning to speak out is still in the works. The group will be providing us the dates and we will provide publicity and snacks as well as location for the event. Registration is done on line for the “Know Us Project. “ H) Need for a UU Archive Historian – Glenn turned it down – offer the position at the Job Fair. I) New volunteer coordinator needed (Gisela) hoping to contact Lara. J) Announcement about Automatic External Defibrillator (Vicki) Emergency response in the UU Center. Possibly inform the congregation through E-news, Sunday bulletin, and at a Fellowship Life meeting.

- 10) New business – Review & renewal of Board Tickler Calendar (Norma) changes presented by Norma and accepted as is.
- 11) Approval of all parts of Board Policy handbook (Norma) approved with changes as presented by Norma with deferral of the “Arms Around Committee” and need to address pastoral care with input from Nana’ and Worship Team.
- 12) Contract(s) will need renewal for paid professionals – we need a contract for the new RE Director as well as review of our others. Grace and Norma will solicit feedback from our professionals and at the next meeting we will review the contracts and consider feedback for them before contracts are to be signed retroactive to July 1, 2012. Review and discuss at next meeting.
- 13) Fellowship Life meeting for August: Preview of “Coming Attractions” (job fair, service auction fund raiser plans, Harvest Festival, Adult RE, Christmas tea, RE family attractions, Ladies Who Lunch, etc.)
- 14) Job fair, (Gisela) Aug 26 and Sept 2 after worship
- 15) Silent Service auction – Second weekend in October (13th): Chris, Vicki, Norma and Gisela will plan this first ever event (Don Rust’s brother sings).

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Next Board Meeting will be September 9, 2012 at 7 PM at the UU Center.

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Chessin, Secretary. Revised by Gisela and Norma