

Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
Board of Directors Meeting (Ruth Oppedahl's home)  
Minutes  
January 20, 2008

Present: Irene Blakely, Scott Burchill, Karen Crowell, Warren Kehn, Kathy Logan, Ruth Oppedahl, Henry Quinlan      Absent: none

**Old Business**

1) Minutes. The Minutes of the December 13, 2008 board retreat with Tim Hirsch were emailed out. Ruth still needs to write up the November 19 minutes.

2) Treasurer's Report. Warren reported that we have spent \$4,037 so far this fiscal year. Because we spend quite a bit of time with questions about the budget during the board meeting, we wondered if it would be possible to have Matt at our meetings. We could work around his schedule—would a lunch time work for Matt?

- Warren will ask Matt about the possibility of attending board meetings.
- Warren will ask Matt to create an income account line and an expense account line for the Bookstore.
- Warren will ask Matt to do the same for hymnals, though we recognize it may not be active every year.
- M/ Henry, S/Irene to approve that Matt pay \$120 (to Quinlans who fronted the registration fees) for three CUUF teens to attend the UU Con in Minneapolis. Motion Carried (M.C.) Henry and Ruth abstained.
- Karen will follow-up on our contribution to Northland College, which has never cleared our bank account.
- Warren will check with our bank to see if our account automatically voids checks if not cashed in 90 days.

3) Tax receipts to members for donations in 2008. Matt has sent the contribution information to Anni in order for her to issue acknowledgments of charitable contributions by members.

- Henry as liaison to the pledge committee will follow up on this with Anni.

4) Membership categories.

a. CUUF membership: The discussion was to leave the bylaws as they are.

b. UUA Member Certification

Karen will research certification policies. Some of the issues include: how do you count households vs individuals, do we establish a specific contribution amount (an amount that at least covers the UUA dues/person that we pass forward to UUA). Karen will draft a policy for "UUA certified members," those members who receive the UU World and are qualified to attend GA and district meetings. Our fellowship pays \$56 to UUA and \$22 to PSD for every "certified member." We report member certification once a year by February 1. We discussed that it would be prudent to expect a member to contribute at least \$100 a year and have made a pledge to the operating budget to be considered a "certified member" or if unable to contribute financially, "a certified member" can be someone who contributes as a board member, committee chair, or RE teacher. Last year we report 39 individual members for certification.

c. Officer Terms

M/Scott, S/Warren to have a small committee consider new bylaw language describing the board (perhaps Mark Perrine, Henry and Warren). Changes to consider:

- a) delete officer language in the board election section
  - b) add in how officers are chosen (by the board after election)
  - c) reconsider length of term to provide more overlap of board terms (Article VI #1 and #2)
  - d) policy on joint appointments (two people sharing one board position)
- 4) New Member Sunday. The best date seems to be February 22, 2009. Tim Hirsch, our resource person from the Prairie Star District will be providing the message that day. Could he do a short orientation to UU after the service?
- Irene as liaison to Worship Committee will ask them about this idea.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Birgit/Irene/Karen call Tim Hirsch to confirm this would work.
  - If yes, Karen/Mike will put an announcement in the Feb newsletter regarding orientation.
- 5) Membership Committee revitalization. Some possible members could include: Brenda Broeder, Rick Dowd, Irene Blakely, Diana Granger.
- Karen (in the near future), will ask these members to establish a membership committee.
- 6) Conference reimbursements. The Prairie Star District (PSD) annual conference is close to home this year in Duluth April 3-5, 2009. Some CUUF members have expressed interest in attending, and we need a process for scholarship support. Consensus was to ask people who want financial assistance to attend, to let us know of their interest so that we can divide up the conference support budget at the February board meeting.
- Karen will ask Jan Perkins to coordinate conference scholarships for CUUF members.
  - Karen will write a note for the newsletter announcing this opportunity.
- 7) Unsung Hero Award. How about nominating Megan Perrine for all her work with the holiday pageant, RE, founding the fellowship etc.
- Ruth will submit a nomination by January 31 to PSD.
- 9) Child Dedication service.
- Irene will contact the Worship Committee about adding it to an existing service this spring. Would they find a date that works? Flower ceremony?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ order special dedication certificates from UUA
  - \_\_\_\_\_ identify a child dedication coordinator.

The next CUUF board meetings will be:

Tuesday, February 10, time TBA

Tuesday, March 10, time TBA

Tuesday, April 14, time TBA

Sunday, April 26 CUUF Annual Meeting after the service

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Oppedahl