

Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Board of Directors Meeting (Ruth Oppedahl's home)
Minutes
February 10, 2009

Present: Irene Blakely, Karen Crowell, Warren Kehn, Ruth Oppedahl, Henry Quinlan
Absent: Scott Burchill

1. **Minutes.** The January 20, 2009 minutes were accepted with a change to note the CUUF membership definitions was a discussion, that no action or consensus was taken.

2. **Treasurer's Report** – copies were shared at the meeting. Income = \$9,478
Expenses = \$4,337
Income less Expenses \$5,141

3. **Liaison Reports**

a) **Caring Committee, Stewardship Pledge Drive**—Henry reported that the Caring Committee has sent sympathy cards to Beth Reed on her mother's death. Henry got the information from Anni on who had pledged/donated for Karen to prepare a list of UUA certified members. Henry noted that Anni will send acknowledgements of donations to donors for tax documentation. Henry and Warren reviewed the bylaws in case anything needed changing for the annual meeting in April—they discovered not a whole lot needed changing. The one item was a possible revision to expand board member terms to three years.

Discussion about two people sharing one board position was had with the consensus to try and avoid shared board seats in the future.

Board nominations—we were to appoint an ad hoc nominating committee by December 15 and forward names to the board by January 15. Henry will ask Mark Perrine, Kristin Quinlan and Jill Lorenz to serve on the nominating committee.

Terms expiring: Henry, Irene, Karen, Scott
Terms continuing: Warren, Ruth

Irene volunteered to run again. Karen will not run again for the board. So we will have three seats open on the board.

b) **Religious Education, Music, Member database**-- Ruth reported that we have some youth that are interested in attending another youth UU Con(vention) in Des Moines, IA. Could CUUF consider some support for their event? Joni is fine with how the music has been going this year. Ruth will ask Scott for help setting up related tables.

c) **Budget, Bookstore**--Warren talked with Matt who needs to turn over the treasurer position to someone else. Matt's study schedule leaves little free time and he needs to take a break. Warren volunteered to step in. Warren has kept the books for the CTA for many years, so CUUF would be similar.

d) **Worship**—Irene met with the Worship Committee to coordinate a child dedication service May 31 (with the flower service). The Worship Committee is interested in knowing about our meeting location for next year. Irene asked that we discuss the child dedication with the RE

youth during class and see who might be interested in being dedicated. Irene will ask Prairie Star District for ideas of a good person to help with the dedication.

e) **Membership**—Karen reported that she determined the UUA certified members and sent the report to UUA. Ruth will post to our website. The **Peacemaking Statement of Conscience** was approved by our fellowship and sent in with our certification form. Karen has found some great member orientation materials from Unity Church. She reported that CUUF was integrally involved in John Mydels memorial service and we are maturing as a fellowship to be able to offer this type of caring for our community

New Business

4. **Prairie Star District annual conference in Duluth, April 3-5, 2009.** Jan Perkins offered to coordinate scholarship support for people interested in attending. She has six people interested in going from CUUF. Our budget would permit all six to receive \$130 for registration fees. (Note: We later learned that PSD itself was offering scholarships, so a few of us may apply for those to supplement the CUUF's support).

M/ Warren, S/Irene that the fellowship will agree to cover early-bird conference registration costs of any member of the fellowship who would like to go. M.C.

5. **Contribution to Northland College.** The \$500 check we sent to David never cleared our account.

M/Irene, S/Henry to issue two checks: one for \$475 (\$500 less the \$25 stop fee) for last year, and one for \$1000 for 2009 (this year). M.C.

6. **UUA certification policy.** Motion Warren, Second Irene that we adopt the attached policy Karen drafted to certify UUA members. Add "as a voting delegate" to the end of the policy paragraph.

- Ruth will edit policy and re-send out to board. (3/22/09)

7. **Service location.** David Saetre need to know if CUUF is planning on staying in the Ponzio Center next year.

M/Irene, S/Warren to notify David that it's our preference to remain at the Ponzio Center for the next year under the same terms that we currently have. Motion Carried
Karen will notify David.

Irene is encouraging us to seriously study the location issue. Irene volunteered to approach some people to be on a study committee. Some possible volunteers suggested were: Kathy Logan, Rick Dowd, Jeff Silbert, Dick Granger, Mark Perrine, Mary Rehwald, Irene Blakely.

8. Future agenda items to consider for discussion:

- Timeline for next year
- Annual meeting agenda
- Moving forward on 6-month action plan
- Possible bylaw revisions:
 - * change the nomination procedure so ad hoc committee recommend nominees at the board meeting prior to the annual meeting (delete the Dec 15, Jan 15 date requirements)
 - * expand board terms to three years
 - * term limits (varying opinions on the need for this)

The next CUUF board meetings will be:

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