

Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Annual Meeting
4-26-2009
Ponzio Center, Northland College

Present: Nicole Brew, Stefania Strzalkowska, Megan Perrine, Mike Crowell, Warren Kehn, Kathy Logan, Jacki Rae Ledin, Terry Ledin, Irene Blakely, Sally Bergerud, Birgit Wolf, Jill Lorenz, Cyndy Guy, Henry Quinlan, Aj Galazan, Matt Wolter, Scott Burchill, Jan Wise, Doug Liphart, Beth Reed, Dick Granger, Diana Granger, Patty Porter, Phoebe Burchill, Karen Crowell, Ruth Oppedahl, Karla Hasart, Peggy Koehler.

Birgit Wolff recording for Ruth Oppedahl

- 1) Karen Crowell called meeting to order (24 attended)
- 2) Agenda was distributed
- 3) Call to Order, Chalice Lighting, and Reading --Kathy Logan
- 4) Minutes 2008 Annual meeting not discussed because Ruth was not present --Karen mentioned that it was a standard report and can be found on our website
- 5) Treasurer's Report--Warren Kehn handed out the summary. Matt informed all that as of today all pledges were met. Karen noted that we should thank all who meet their pledge obligation via phone call or in person.
- 6) Karen thanked the fellowship for being able to serve the congregation for 4 years as a board member. Handed out 2009 annual report. She mentioned the "garage sale" and "why we are UU's" was left out of the report. Karen showed a chart of WHO WE SERVE:

Friends of UU 76 people
General book signing members 69
Voting members (annual contribution of \$10-unlimited) given 29
Certified UUA members (annual contribution min. \$100) 40
RE enrollment 21
Average attendance between 50 with a max. of 90 per service

- 7) PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE- Article VI--Henry Quinlan led discussion
(Proposed changes in CAPS below)

1. Proposed change: The Board of Trustees (board) at a minimum consists of SIX MEMBERS. Officers of the board include the PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER AND SECRETARY.

Irene made a motion to approve and Karen seconded-voted -24 approved, Motion Carried.

2. Proposed change: New board members shall be chosen by ballot at the annual business meeting. All normally serve for THREE-YEAR TERMS.

Irene made a motion to approve and Warren seconded-voted- 24 approved, Motion Carried.

Mike made motion of vote by show of hands rather than ballot and Warren seconded-voted- 24 approved, Motion Carried.

- 8) NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES--Henry Quinlan

Mark Perrine provided a list of potential members expressing interest, they included: Megan Perrine, Diana Granger and Beth Reed. (Warren and Ruth are continuing members of the board). AJ nominated Irene as well and she accepted. Mike made motion that nominations be closed and Sally Bergerund seconded. Motion Carried.

Mike made a motion and Sally seconded that we suspend the rule requiring a ballot and vote with a show of hands. 24 aye, 0 nay. Motion Carried.

Henry made a motion, and Scott seconded that we adopt the slate of board directors: Megan Perrine, Diana Granger, Beth Reed, Irene Blakely. Motion Carried unanimously.

9) Ruth conducted a brainstorming session asking input from the membership as to what the board should consider discussion for the 2009-2010 year. (A wish list of sorts.)

- Meet every Sunday
- While singing the children out, stand and face them
- Consider using the words “light of love” instead of “God” in *Go Now in Peace*
- Have more UU speakers from other churches or fellowships
- Fund office administrator position to keep records (could be fulltime it’s so much work)
- Meet two times a month
- Think/do more active recruitment and develop lay leaders
- Greeting neighbors at beginning of the service (make it more part of the formal routine)
- Start “Coming of Age” program
- Pursue “Our Whole Lives” for CUUF, Jan Perkins would consider becoming trained
- Parish Nurse-Jan Perkins volunteered to be our nurse to check blood pressure, make hospital visits, make phone visits, could be part of Caring Committee
- Jan Perkins offered some free “Healing Touch” sessions
- Consider having lending library instead of bookstore
- How do others do hospitality? Get more ideas
- Develop Circle Suppers (regular small group potlucks of members)
- Talk about money more often, reports in newsletter or in person to share the health of our finances
- Offer a personal finance study group
- Give board reports (updates) at every service, what is the board working on? (like RE teacher do during service)
- Move the holiday service up earlier in the day, like 4:00pm. It’s too late for a school night the way it is.
- Tribal Church book(title?) about how to attract 20-somethings, are we meeting the needs of the community, eg could be a leader in green burials
- What is the progressive community looking for and how can we meet their needs?
- Have CUUF represented at Ashland congregational leaders meetings (pastor/minister meetings)

- Attract more members- recruitment
- Offer more personal testimonies at every/during every service “Credo-I Believe”
- Encourage coordinators to think beyond the regular order of service for other experiences/formats

These issues will be considered by the board and committees in the coming year. Thanks for the suggestions!