

**Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
Board of Director's Meeting  
August 17, 2011**

Location: MMC—Gull Island Room

**Present:** Board members Ed Calhan, Patty Dufek, Diana Granger, Warren Kehn, Jan Perkins, Erin Tenney

**The meeting was called to order** by Diana at 7:00 p.m. Board members shared their updates for checking-in. The BOD minutes from July 20 were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** A \$20 memorial to Wilma Wise (mother of Jan Wise), who passed away recently, was approved.

**Old Business:**

**Discussion continued on Proposed Budget for 2011-12:**

**Social Action:** Warren reported that \$404 was budgeted; \$100 was spent on Heifer International. He recommended CUUF donating \$100 to Faith in Action: this was unanimously approved. He also recommended keeping \$200 on this line, for “whatever comes up.” This was also unanimously approved.

**Conferences and Workshops:** \$800 was budgeting, and was not utilized. The BOD still supports members attending the Prairie Star District or the General Assembly (and Warren pointed out that general funds could also help with this.) This amount could also be utilized for our youth to attend conferences/workshops.

**Pledge Supplies:** \$120 was budgeted, \$120 utilized. It was noted that for pledges, perhaps members appreciate a letter rather than an on-line communication. \$80 was unanimously accepted.

**Insurance:** Increased to \$350 for this year, as last year the amount spent was \$346. Unanimously accepted.

**Membership:** \$600 budgeted, \$94.66 utilized. \$150 for this next year was unanimously accepted.

**Post Office Box:** \$70; unanimously accepted, to retain same amount.

**Equipment/Furniture:** \$150 was budgeted, unanimously accepted to retain the same amount. Ed reported that he took the sound system home and it all works, only missing item is one remote. He offered to coordinate wired mike and digital recorder with Andrea and Ruth O.

**Misc:** \$300 was budgeted, \$197 spent; unanimously approved to keep this amount at \$300.

**Religious Education:** \$ 525 was budgeted, \$1000 was unanimously approved. There was much discussion regarding this item; it was agreed that the RE leaders are special and valued not only because they teach our children, but also because this means that they miss the remainder of each service when they leave with the children. It was also noted that "RE" includes adult education as well as children's. There was also general discussion regarding the option of screening any of our group that works with children for background checks. It was agreed to table this, and for Patty to look more into if this is desirable, and how that would work.

Erin also reported on the recent RE teachers' meeting. Erin, Tom M and Cindy VH will have the upper elementary kids; Beth R. and Ruth U. will have the high school kids. A teacher is still needed for the K-2 or 3. Erin noted that the next Coming of Age group will start in 2013. She also mentioned that the RE teachers prefer not to receive monetary compensation for the work they do; but perhaps they would be interested in something like the "Time and Treasure" concept from other congregations (credit is given towards one's pledge for the work volunteered.)

**General Budget:** last year's amount was \$16,750, and the amount of \$16,676 was the amount unanimously approved for the Proposed 2011-12 Budget Year. It was emphasized that this is still a Proposed Budget.

### **New Business:**

**CUUF Website:** general discussion regarding updating and maintaining this. Erin will discuss some of this with Brenda B. and Scott B.

**Open Door Newsletter:** it was suggested that a BOD "corner" be incorporated into our newsletter, with the BOD members rotating turns at writing this. Jan offered to contact Marilyn E. regarding this, and that the first topic could be "What the BOD did over the summer at meetings."

**Liaison:** Ed was informed that he is the Music Liaison member. Jan passed out copies of Services planned so far for the 2011-12 year. After the Worship Committee meets late in August, Jan will pass on information regarding what has transpired. Caring Committee Guidelines will be discussed at the September BOD meeting.

**Check-signing:** Diana will go to Bremer Bank shortly to set-up signing checks for CUUF.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 7 p.m. in a meeting room at Memorial Medical Center, Ashland. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

