

**Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Board of Directors' Meeting
January 19, 2012**

Location: MMC—Gull Island Room

Present: Andrea Haugo, Diana Granger, Warren Kehn, Jan Perkins, Ed Calhan, Patty Dufek, Erin Tenney, Brenda Brouder; and guests David Saetre and Ruth Oppedahl

The meeting was called to order and 7:05 by Andrea, who opened with a reading and the lighting of the chalice; followed by "checking in" by those present. There was no BOD meeting in December, so the minutes from the November 12, 2011 meeting were read, the only changed being a correction of the spelling of June *Bavlnka's* name; the minutes were then approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Warren clarified that currently Diana can conduct CUUF business at Bremer Bank in Washburn, and Warren and Beth Reed can conduct such business at Superior Choice Credit Union in Ashland. (Jan will email Beth to let her know she is still approved for this.) A *motion* was made by Andrea to not have her doing such business, since she is moving from the area. The motion was seconded and *passed unanimously*. Warren reported that one of the CD's at Superior Choice will be up for renewal soon; he agreed to check into interest rates for 1, 2 and 3 years and report back at the February meeting.

There was a general discussion regarding the approximately \$13,000 currently invested in CD's, and what those monies might be utilized for. The meeting of a long-range planning committee would be of benefit in this matter.

At the November BOD meeting there was a question regarding \$200 from the Membership budget. Per Andrea's 1/18/12 email, this amount was apparently for CUUF brochures.

CUUF pledges are down from \$13,000 last year to \$9,000 this year; however, not everybody has responded yet. Calling people with polite reminders may help this; BOD members chose people on that list to contact. Diana will develop a "script" for the phone calls for those who would like a little help with phrasing.

A *motion* was made to accept the Treasurer's report, and it *passed unanimously*.

Guest Ruth Oppedahl: she informed the BOD that members of our RE group are developing plans to go on a service trip to rural Haiti, as they are studying that country this year. (Please see her email dated 1/15/12) They are requesting some financial support from the fellowship for this endeavor, and are also looking into fund-raising ideas of their own such as assisting at the Birkie and having a benefit dinner. The estimated cost per student is \$1300 (\$700 of which is airfare); and \$2000 for each adult. Their second request is whether the BOD would consider adding Pay Pal service to our checking account for on-line donations. She provided a hand-out dated 1/18/12 regarding

how Pay Pal works, and how it is utilized by other UU congregations. Ruth has experience with this system from when she worked for the Bayfield Regional Conservancy, and says it worked well. She also mentioned that CUUF could utilize Pay Pal for other things besides the Haiti trip, but reminded us that PP charges non-profits 2.2 % of the transaction, plus \$0.30/transaction. This means that if a person wishes to make a relatively large donation, they may choose to use another means of payment to ensure more of the donation goes to the organization. Utilizing PP can be a little more work because it involves the use of emails; Ruth offered to send these onto the Treasurer once monthly so as to be able to balance the books.

Warren was requested by the BOD to review the finances, and at the Feb. BOD meeting make recommendations regarding where in the line items from the budget monies could be drawn to help with the Haiti trip.

Following discussion, Warren *made a motion* that CUUF serve as the fiscal agent for the Haiti Service Trip by the high school RE youth. Andrea seconded the motion and it *passed unanimously*.

Publicity:

Radio: David offered the idea of broadcasting our services through Northland College's radio station, WRNC. Due to privacy, this might just be confined to the message. If we have a guest speaker, we should be sure the Worship Committee lets those persons be aware that their message may be broadcast on the radio. Ruth will contact Danielle, the NC contact for the radio station.

CUUF website: apparently our new website has been ready for some time but is still not accessible. Options were discussed. Warren made a *motion* that CUUF will purchase a new domain name under which our new website will operate. Andrea seconded and the motion *passed unanimously*. Brenda will develop a thank you note for our UU computer person, who has provided services for several years; she will bring it to the Feb BOD meeting. She will also contact everybody e.g. PSD and UUA with the new contact information.

Sound System for Services: Ruth, Ed and David all provided information regarding the current state of our sound system, and recommendations for upgrading it. This purchase had previously been approved by the BOD at the 8/17/11 meeting. At the price of approximately \$300-\$350, it was decided that \$50 could come from Equipment/Furniture, and \$300 from Misc. on the budget.

David Saetre and the Northland College Chaplain Internship: David presented information regarding this new program that aids seminary students in their education to become ministers. Initially this would be a part-time position, about 8-10 hours per week; some of this time requires a relationship with a congregation, which is why he is presenting the idea to our fellowship. David would be the chaplain's field supervisor, and he would meet with that person weekly. The following are some of the requirements of a

congregation: to allow the intern to help plan and experience the worship services, perhaps leading a service approximately twice in the year; attend BOD meetings; have regular discussions with the Treasurer, and quarterly meetings with the President of the BOD. The fellowship would need to form a Leadership Advisory Group, consisting of 4-5 members who would be in a consulting role, and provide an assessment at the end of the year. David needs a decision from the BOD by February in order to start this position in September 2012; he recommended that the BOD check with the other CUUF committees, including the Worship Committee, to assess their response. A special meeting could be called following the Feb 12 worship service in order to obtain feedback from the committees.

There was a discussion about how this would work, and a synopsis of why CUUF might want to do this is: 1) to show our support of David by supporting his vision 2) invest in our congregation's future e.g. someday we may be in a position to support a UU minister and 3) to spur us on to self-growth as a congregation.

Brenda will forward David's hand-outs from this presentation to BOD members.

Future worship meeting space for CUUF: David offered that Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute at Northland College may be available to us. Logistics were discussed, especially how to provide for children/RE. The room comfortably seats about 70-80 people.

Service Greeters: Andrea will type up the duties and send them to Brenda so that an on-line document will become available. Patty too the list and will send reminders to Greeters as well as snacks providers.

CUUF as a Fair Share congregation: thank you letter from the representative was read.

CUUF membership in UUA: Brenda shared the form with the BOD and will take care of submitting it.

David Saetre attending BOD meetings: he is invited to our meetings and we need to make sure he receives meeting notices and minutes.

Planning a BOD Retreat: in order to review the Membership Survey in order to start to develop long-range goals. A date of Sunday Feb 12, 2012 at MMC from 5-9 was set.

A motion was made by Jan and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 pm (!), the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Perkins, BOD Secretary

