

Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Board of Directors' Meeting
Mar. 28, 2012

PRESENT:

Diana Granger
Warren Kehn
Jan Perkins
Patty Dufek
Brenda Brouder
Ed Calhan
David Saetre

CHECKING IN:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by co-chair, Diana Granger. After the lightening of the chalice, and readings on springtime by Diana and Ed, time was spent catching up on what each member has been doing.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 15 UU board meeting were approved .

TREASURER'S REPORT and BUDGET

Warren reported that as of the meeting time, \$11,792.34 has been received by the fellowship from contributions of record, offerings and fundraising efforts. The expenditures to date have been \$9,392.35 with most of our yearly expenses already paid out. The fellowship income is less this year but is proving adequate to meet our expenditures. Similar to last year, funding for conferences and workshops was not utilized. Religious education was allocated \$1,000 but so far has only spent \$84.73. Our youth group members earned \$350 working at the Birkenbeiner. The board would like to see this money used for youth trips or projects, such as the Haiti trip which is in the planning stages. In May the board will need to decide whether to renew the 3 year CD which matures May 12. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Church internship program.

The board officially recognized A.J Galazen as our intern for the next year. David, who oversees the internship will make a public announcement concerning the appointment. David reminded the board that we have no fiscal responsibility for the internship program, but we are expected to provide feedback and engage the intern in fellowship programs and preaching opportunities. The board asked Brenda to solicit fellowship members interested in serving on a Lay Advisory Committee. The board will present the names to David after reviewing the applicants at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1 Possible Move

David proposed that our fellowship meetings be moved from the current Ponzio Center location to the Century room of the Sigurd Olson center. This facility is more conducive for both spiritual contemplation and social interaction. The only perceived drawback is that the religious education students will have to go outside and walk to the science building for classroom space. The board is seeking input from the R.E. teachers and will ask the fellowship as a whole to vote on the move at the April 22 general meeting.

2 Extra Services

David has informed the board that he is planning services primarily for Northland students at 10 on Sundays when C.U.U.F. is not meeting. The format and purpose of these Sunday assemblies will be slightly different and there won't be food or oversight by any UU committees. While instigated to meet the needs of students, anyone is welcome to attend. This new program will in no way change the UU fellowship's speaking arrangements with David.

3 Preparing for the General meeting

The board reviewed the minutes and agendas from past annual business meetings and elected to follow earlier examples. After calling the meeting to order, we will introduce the board, briefly define its mission and introduce our committee chairs who can discuss their mission, their accomplishments and their need for new members. Next, Diana will describe board activity in the past year and then the fellowship will be asked to vote on three topics:

- a. Vote to define a quorum so that it is clear when the board can make decisions.
Article VI (number 6) shall read: The Board of Trustees can only enact motions when a quorum is present. A quorum shall be defined as two thirds of the current membership of the board.
- b. Vote on new board members.
- c. Vote on the move to the Sigurd Olson Institute. (Give time for discussion)

4. Notification to committees to plan next year's goals and monetary needs.

Due to the fact that a disproportionate amount of time this past year was spent working up the budget allocations and then making adjustments, the board voted to follow the official timeline as defined in our manual and start the budgeting process earlier. Warren agreed to send out forms to committees illustrating what was requested last year and what was spent. Critical to planning is a realistic look by

each committee as to what it would like to do and what is actually feasible. Our goal is to do a better job estimating our budget needs.

5. Cinco de Mayo Workshop

The board approved an agenda for the May 5th workshop. The morning will be for present and new board members—a chance to get acquainted and discuss board responsibilities. Lunch will follow at noon with board members bringing Mexican food to share. (Others are welcome to bring food as well.) The afternoon which will include former board members, committee chairs and other self identified fellowship leaders will be a discussion of long range planning, led by a paid trainer if we can find someone suitable.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will take place on Wed. April 18 at 7:00pm, downstairs in the Greenwood room of the Washburn Library. The March meeting concluded at 9:14.