

UU Board Meeting

April 18, 2012

Attended by: Brenda Brouder, Warren Kehn, Diana Granger, Erin Tenney

Note: Karen Crowell has given us written notice that she has resigned her position as membership committee chair. We will be sad to see her leave this position, and are grateful for her important contributions over the years.

Discussion re: need for new board members. We have the need for three new board members. Andrea left a vacancy, Diane is outgoing, and Warren would like to be done (as he has served 3 terms already for a total of 8 years.) It would be nice to have some "fresh blood" including younger people who have increased savvy in social media.

Brenda expressed need for assist with IT; in particular, she needs to upgrade Microsoft package to most recent; she is currently working with Microsoft 2003 version. She reminded us that we also need a new printer. Discussed the budget in terms

Note to budget: Warren pointed out that he over paid David by \$225.00 per his own error. He has offered to cover the expense by increasing his own contribution. All members offered that we could offset it in different area of the budget, but he declined.

Note: May 5 retreat to be held at the Washburn Library in the Wikdal room. Kevin Stramburg would like to have helped us gratis, but is not able to fit it into his schedule. Discussion regarding asking someone from the district to come and help facilitate; this would be an investment, but one that we feel is worthwhile. Ed researched this option and came up with a ballpark figure of \$300.00 plus travel expense. Diane will look into this tomorrow, and will inquire regarding our options for a facilitator.

Annual meeting this Sunday;

Issues:

1) Service space

- Facilities committee has proposed that we start a facility fund. We would like to bring it to the annual meeting, and would like a representative to present this issue to the fellowship, and then take it back to the committee to formulate a plan for how to do this.
- Discussion related to moving services from the Ponzio center to the Sigurd Olson . We noted that after the last service, 9 fellowship members walked through the Sig.O with David, and considered the space. Those members noted some significant draw backs including; light shining in on the congregation, limited space and challenges with orientation of chairs/entry/ refreshments etc. RE would have to move to the science building; which seemed to be

adequate. There were significant concerns that the space was perhaps ½ the size of current space. This may be uncomfortable, and not conducive to growth of the congregation. Another concern is that we may lose people due to the change. The front foyer can be slippery, and the back entry can as well. This could cause a safety hazard.

- Benefits include; more of the equipment is available without having to move it each session.
- David has said that we need to make the decision before the year ends so that he can move ahead with making reservations etc. It has been proposed that we table the decision for a year, and reconsider this next year.
- We propose to send this back to the facilities committee and ask them to consider the Sig O as an option, among others. We would like them to take more time to consider all options, get feedback from members of the congregation and make a recommendation based on more information.

2) Annual meeting agenda- review

- Diane will introduce and light chalice
- Warren will give a short treasury report
- Erin will make an announcement before the service to invite members to stay and consider volunteering for needed roles
- We will review minutes from last year; Brenda will send out the minutes before the service and ask people to review them.
- Will make a request to get new participants to take leadership roles. Will announce this before service and ask people to stay for annual meeting. At annual meeting will ask for people to fill essential roles.
 - We consider that the following are essential roles that need to be filled: 3 board members, membership committee (at least 3 new), publicity (1), newsletter editor
 - Discussion regarding the fact that we are lay lead. There is a question: if we are not able to recruit enough help, we have to ask if it is feasible to maintain our status as lay lead, or do we need to consider increasing paid roles such as administrator/ part time minister.
- Voting points
 - Quorum issue
 - Board member nomination
- Will discuss the relocation issue and report that we are referring back to facilities committee, as described above.

3) Other issues:

Brenda brought the following documents to add to our binders (and will give us all new binders at the beginning of the next cycle)

- a) Service Coordinating Guidelines 2012**
- b) Greeter duties**

c) Membership Certification Policy

d) Membership definitions

Brenda reviewed membership certification policy to ensure clarity for all. Does not need a board vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm