

Chequamegon UU Fellowship- Board Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:07 Ed shared a reading. Chalice lighting (so to speak), check-ins.
Present: Ed Calhan, Warren Kehn, Jan Perkins, Brenda Brouder, Mark Perrine, Erin Tenney

Minutes of the May 31 mtg: in first paragraph, we jump from item 1 to item 3; we determined that this was a typo.

No changes. **Motion to approve by Jan. Seconded by Warren.**

Treasurer report:

- 1) Addn'l pledge in the mail for \$50
- 2) Joni paid up
- 3) Hand written amounts by investment reserves are an estimate

Notes re: electronic banking- this is not yet established. Warren is waiting for a process to be included. In the mean time, he will continue getting paper reports.

Pledges down a bit from last year, but our spending is even lower.

Ed made a motion to approve budget report as presented. Erin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Ongoing business:

- 1) Complete budget allocations for next year

Notes:

Changes remain the same as those suggested from last month. with the exception of RE and worship committee. Discussion below.

RE split into two line items: 1) Service RE expenses 2) Larger service projects

Erin and Ruth discussed that this will be appropriate, and helpful.

We feel it's appropriate to keep the service RE expenses the same (\$525.00).

The service expense line item will expire at the end of the year, as always. The service project line item will accumulate over budget years, since this includes fund raising on the part of the children and families.

RE has paypal acct: which will be deposited into project fund and will also accumulate.

Mark made a motion to designate \$1000.00 of fellowship's assets to be reserved for RE project fund. (Defined as RE activities that take place outside of regular services). Warren seconds the motion.

Motion approved.

Warren will designate this on treasurer's report.

Warren suggested we designate RE budget for this year as: \$500 for RE project fund and \$525 for RE service fund. All agree.

- 2) Worship committee discussion:

David Saetre suggested a worship arts committee to develop the Ponzio center as a more appealing for worship.

The worship committee is requesting \$500 for the enhancement of service and setting. Jan shared several ideas for aesthetic improvements; screens, oil burning chalice, banners.

They would like to use talent present in fellowship to help with this effort.

Ed made a motion to add \$500.00 to worship budget for the purpose of worship site enhancements according to the recommendations of the worship committee. Warren seconds the motion. Motion approved.

3) New budget amount, including above changes is \$18,009.00.

Discussion regarding the fact that all line items are in accordance with requests of committee members and are in line with fellowship needs and goals to the best of our knowledge.

Mark made a motion to approve the budget for this year with new total of \$17,794.00.

Warren seconded this. Motion approved.

4) Brenda asked us to think about best way to communicate new budget to committee chairs and fellowship.

Warren will email new budget to Brenda, who will send email and hard copies to committee chairs.

Approved budget will be sent out in the fall at time of fall pledge drive.

Warren asked Brenda if 240 hours/year is enough to complete administrative duties. Brenda said that so far she has not used up hours, and will feel comfortable asking board if the occasion arises that she needs more hours.

4) Board timeline

Need to add:

a) Admin contract negotiations- makes sense that this occurs at same time as approval of budget. This will take effect next year.

b) Intern evaluations. Brenda suggested that she and Ed talk about this issue separately and propose to board at next meeting

5) Update on Lay Advisory Group

Brenda and David have discussed, with Ed, implications of lay intern involvement with UU fellowship.

1) Intern reports to United Theological Seminary

2) Fellowship had to agree to United Theological Seminary sexual harassment policy

They determined lay advisory group members; *please see Intern and CUUF meeting schedule 2012-2013*

Brenda reviewed this document with us

NOTE: board of directors has responsibilities to meet with intern on 9/23/12, 2/24/13, 4/29/13

In addition; please note additional dates regarding committee chair meetings with intern as well

Discussion re: BOD meetings could be combined with these intern meetings to simplify monthly meetings- will discuss this

Warren asked if we have alternates to LAG if someone drops out. Brenda says there are other interested people who we could ask.

Ed made a motion that the following six members of the fellowship (recommended by the intern working group) make up the Lay Advisory Group; Jill Lorenz, Ruth Oppedal, Tracey Ledder, Linda Calhan,

Karen Reudi-Crowell, Katrina Nichols . Mark seconded the motion. Motion approved.

6) Hans Veenendaal offered to take over publicity and the newsletter. David recommends him as being very bright and a good writer. Brenda emphasized that speaker submissions must be given to publicity person by 25th of the month. It needs to go out the 1st of each month. Jan will ensure that this be included in the guidelines that goes to coordinators.

7) The Sigurd Olsen space is turning out to be less accessible than previously thought. Kitchen not available. Security is an issue. No small kid classroom is available. There is agreement to turn attention towards Ponzio center improvements. (Jan suggests that the facilities committee might consider as one option; adding a kitchen and child classroom onto the SigO.)

Unless/until something changes- we will not continue to consider the question of moving to the SigO.

8) Mark suggests that we move the strategic planning item to be the focus of the next meeting. Ed requests that each of us make a sketch regarding our vision of: what we, as the BOD, need to be focusing on. We would like for each of us to send out these thoughts in advance of next meeting.

Warren brought up that we don't have anyone in charge of our lending library at the moment; we should try to get that position filled.

9) Warren got a letter from Bayfield Co. Fair- Aug 23-26. We will get paid \$5/hr toward organization. Those working > 3 hrs gets a free daily pass. Those < 18 needs an adult.

10) Warren will talk with Beth Reed regarding this opportunity for fund-raising. Ed suggests that we offer to help find adults to accompany kids who need supervision. If RE participates, all funds will go to RE project fund.

Worship committee report by Jan:

David said; 3 legged stool: 1) worship 2) RE 3) welcoming fellowship 4) study groups

Please get social justice committee in place

Examine coordination between committees- question- who is web master? For now, Brenda is communications head

Please no more committees of One person

In August, advertise that we are open, liberal community- focus on outreach.

Jan would like to go to student union in the fall during 11am- noon to talk to students and promote UU. David would love this. It's a good way to start doing the outreach that we would like to do on a broader

scale. Mark suggests we ask one of the students to join Jan.

First worship service is 9/9

Water service is 9/23

Next BOD is Thurs. July 19th. at 7 pm Twin Islands room.

August BOD is the 29th.

Warren moved to adjourn at 8:52. Closing.