

UUCR Board Meeting April 4, 2005 – Minutes

Attendees: Mark Howley, Lillian Christman, Emily Curry, Joyce Kirk, Bill Eisnaugle, Peter Deschamps, Scott Randolph, Alison Eskildsen, Dennis Daniel, Sydney Wilde, Nancy Simpson, Eric Landberg, Wilson Nichols.

Please note: A list of action items that emerged from this meeting appear at the end of these minutes.

Chalice Lighting: Joyce performed the candle lighting, with a thoughtful reading.

I. PRESIDENT'S OPENING

Mark said a few words about the soldiers in Iraq/their families left behind in the U.S., and welcomed two new board members, Eric and Nancy.

II. REPORT: MINISTERS' REPORT

Sydney discussed the busy schedule of the March 2005 Ministers' Report:

- The intern minister received a "1" rating.
- The ministers stress the importance of communication. Sydney and Dennis wish to be kept in the loop, and "CC'd" on all important UUCR-related emails.
- A long-time friend and colleague wrote an article on "Publicity," which was named as a potential topic for a deep chair session.
- New copier equipment has been set up in the church office. Hutch made the arrangements for the new copier equipment. Cost savings are expected to be \$500 per month.

III. REPORT: TREASURER'S REPORT

Peter gave the Treasurer's Report, emphasizing the internal accounting controls recommended by CSC, the accounting firm consulted to develop improved accounting procedures. Segregation of duties, a key internal accounting control was discussed, with an emphasis on better ways to handle cash collection during the service.

IV. REPORT: MUSIC COMMITTEE

Wilson and Lillian discussed the Music Committee:

- Current members are Nicky Moering, Fran Loveless, Ed Hauck, Susan Randolph, Elaine Schwartz.

- Lillian will contact several other candidates to fill the 6th slot that is open. A person who is also on the Worship Committee would be appreciated. Lillian will confer with Wilson once a candidate has accepted.
- Wilson will set up a Music Committee meeting for next week.

V. REPORT: LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The board members discussed the Long Range Planning Committee:

- The charter was sent out in several versions previously.
- **Motion and Vote:** Scott Randolph moved to adopt the charter, Bill Eisnaugle seconded; Mark called for a vote; unanimous approval.
- Lillian said that now the need is to find committee members.
- Scott pointed out the importance of planning, and wants to be sure that the committees have guidance on planning from the Board. A Board Member suggested that an “at large” member of the leadership council would be a good potential member of the Long Range Planning Committee.

VI. REPORT: LAY MINISTRY

Dennis discussed the Lay Ministry class (see details of the Report submitted):

- Dennis hopes that graduates of the class will have a high profile, and be sufficiently familiar with the church programs to fill in some of the ministerial/spiritual gaps that may arise during their sabbatical (February 2006 to July 2006), for which the ministers are working hard to prepare the congregation.
- Dennis hopes to repeat the class periodically to increase the number of lay ministers, who will carry on with the intern, covenant groups, adult education classes, and other roles.

VII. JPD GROWTH PLAN AND OPEN DIALOGUE

Mark and other Board Members discussed the JPD growth plan (see JPD website):

- JPD want area churches’ approval of their plan, which Mark will ask Board Members to review.
- Board Members will vote at a later meeting on endorsement of the JPD growth plan.
- Sydney recommends the JPD growth plan be discussed at the next Open Dialog Meeting.

Board Members discussed possible dates for the next Open Dialogue Meeting, and expressed the hope that Karen Curnow will facilitate that meeting.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Motions and Votes: Mark and the Board discussed several other items:

- JPD delegate Mary Fenelon was approved unanimously.
- GA delegate Elaine Schwartz was approved unanimously.
- Lillian will transmit the approval to both delegates.

Meeting Adjourned.

FOLLOW-UP/ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING:

WHO?	WHAT?
Lillian	Lillian will contact several other candidates to fill the 6 th slot that is open, maybe to include a person who is also on the Worship Committee. Lillian will confer with Wilson once a candidate has accepted.
Wilson	Wilson will set up a Music Committee meeting for next week.
Lillian	Find members for the long-range planning committee.
All	Review JPD growth plan.
Karen	Facilitate open dialogue session.
Lillian	Let JPD delegate Mary Fenelon and GA delegate Elaine Schwartz know they have been approved by the board.