

UUCR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board Members: Ed McClaran (President), Marsha Hughes Rease (Vice President), David Drake (Treasurer), Erik Landberg (Secretary), Myles Flynt, Beth Hauck, Anne Thomas, Howard Uman, Romney Wright

Staff: Dennis Daniel and Sydney Wilde (Co-Ministers), Mary Ann East (Music Director), Alison Eskildsen (DRE)

Guests: Henry Collins (Endowment Chair), Terry Mitchell (Finance Chair) and Bill Thomas (BEC)

CALL TO ORDER

After a brief pre-meeting "Dutch Treat" dinner, the Board convened at 7:35 PM with Beth Hauck, the designated chalice lighter, reading an excerpt from Mark Twain's writings about the nature of wisdom. Howard Uman was welcomed as a new Board member.

STAFF REPORTS' HIGHLIGHTS

Dennis and Sydney noted an extensive preaching schedule into January 2008 focusing on several themes- Welcoming, Who We Are, Our Mission, Inclusion and Simplifying Our Lives. They hope to strengthen several committees, especially Worship and Membership, and lead two new covenant groups for new members. A new UU Spiritual Development curriculum offering "Spirit of Life" will commence in October. Along with a myriad of external activities Dennis has been emphasizing the need for pandemic planning both at UUCR and in the Reston community via Mary Fenelon's TV show. Sydney's need to visit her ailing Mother remains a constant concern.

Alison (DRE) noted that it may take time for the summer culture of family non-attendance to change although all children attending this past summer were provided with programs. Jane Ott, the new RE assistant, is being trained and is most welcome for her ideas and hard work. On Sunday mornings, assistant teachers will be greeting newcomer families.

Mary Ann (Music) noted an official chime choir begins 9/20 with rehearsals on Thursdays. A choir handbook has been developed. The Music Committee is solidifying plans for music leadership during her maternity leave.

REPORT

Ed reported that at the last Leadership Council meeting a review by the three attendees of the recent UU Leadership Institute was presented. Social responsibility was one of the highlights discussed. Ed discussed common themes from the GA and their relationship to UUCR. At the meeting a budget need for further leadership training was discussed as well as the church's new program calendar updating under Ellen McClaran's guidance.

COVENANT

The Board's Covenant, revised to include staff and ministers, was approved by a vote with one abstention on a motion by Beth.

ITEMS APPROVED

Terry Mitchell and Bill Thomas were approved unanimously on David's motion as signatories for the UUCR Investment Brokerage account(s). A resolution will follow and their authority will be reviewed annually.

To ameliorate Mary Ann's maternity leave absence (12/2/07 to 1/31/08) an increase of \$2000 in the music budget was approved, on Erik's motion, to primarily fund Betsy as a fulltime accompanist during the period.

DISCUSSION

Henry and Bill discussed the history and operations of the endowment process at UUCR in light of the pending large donation from the Iris Lloyd estate. Lisa Narod has agreed to serve as the third member and treasurer of the Endowment Committee.

DISCUSSION

Richard Speck's (Executive Director-JPD) recent visit and its impact on UUCR were discussed. Beth noted a concern for the Phase I donors' unaddressed expectations and Dennis suggested an approach to the group in a pastoral sense. Underlying this, several noted some means of addressing the present building's needs, such as disability access. In addition it was noted that the BEC's request for design options is yet to be completed, which would have bearing on all of these issues. Ed hopes to communicate further through the newsletter regarding the four options for Phase I funds.

In conjunction with the above, Marsha noted the urgency to move forward with long range planning, using much of the data derived from the Spring Leadership retreat. Ann Thomas has and will continue to be the key contact for this assignment.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Marsha noted that it would be beneficial if the congregation was apprised by special collection recipients of the benefits derived from the collections.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM and the Board then met in executive session, which adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted this 15th Day of September 2007

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Congregational Secretary