

MINUTES
UUCWI BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – October 10, 2007

Present: Frank A., Baird B., Lois C., Kit Ketcham, Paula K., Pat L., Camille L.

Absent: Mary G.

Minutes:

President Baird called the meeting together at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity, lit the chalice, and did the opening reading.

The first item of discussion was regarding the Congregational Meeting to be held on Oct. 14th, with voting to take place regarding the loan from the UUA National Office. The wording on the ballot is difficult to understand from the way it is worded. It needs to be explained to the congregation before being voted on for approval.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved with one spelling correction in the report of the CRE Committee – changing “Paul” to “Paula.”

Reports:

MINISTER’S REPORT: Kit’s monthly report was accepted as written.

Additional discussion continued with discussion of the Social Action Committee. The committee has not yet met. John L. will ask Tom B. to convene a meeting to review the directions set at the Board Workshop to select the committee’s goals for the year. Camille is the board liaison to this committee. Baird will also speak to both John and Tom.

Discussion was held regarding the loan from the UUA in Boston. Paula explained the wording on the ballot, plus her understanding of the agreement with the UUA in giving us this loan. The loan will be renegotiated every seven years at the going rate then. We can renew the loan three more times. Kathleen has been our very strong person in getting this loan as well as the construction loan from People’s Bank at 7.75%, which will be available by November 1st. The only way we can use the \$250,000.00 loan from UUA is to pay back the building loan from People’s Bank. The UUCWI money for the building is at \$514,000.00. The People’s Bank loan is for \$250,000.00 – which will be repaid with the money from the UUA loan of \$250,000.00 – which is repayable in seven years, or renegotiated every seven years for three more times (28 years).

The Building Committee thinks we will have the final inspection of the church building by June, but we should say by October 1st to give us adequate time to complete the building. Many expressions of thanks were given to Kathleen, our power woman, and to Dave C. and Tom B. for their efforts in negotiating and dealing with all of this.

Paula also reported that the Sweat Equity Group is getting organized. Tim and Roy have been working on the foundation and did the tarring of the foundation. The beams need sanding next – and seven coats of varnish are needed on each one with sanding being done in between the varnishing.

A report of the Interviewing Committee (Paula, Kit, and Pat) for the job of Church Administrator was presented by Pat. There have been more than 20 applicants for the job so far, with about 15 people sending resumes to Pat. The Interviewing Committee will meet for an hour after this Board of Trustees Meeting today. Decisions will be made about which candidates to interview, with the actual interviewing to take place on Friday morning, Oct. 12th, at Trinity.

(Note: Seven candidates were interviewed between 8:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. on Oct. 12th, and the committee selected and recommended Maureen M. as the person most qualified to be hired for the position of the new Church Administrator. Pat called the references listed, received nothing but praise and admiration for our candidate, and on Sat., Oct. 13th, Maureen was invited to take the position. She gladly accepted, and was introduced during the church service on Sun., Oct. 14th. Maureen signed the contract and began working with Mavis on Thursday, Oct. 18th. Mavis will serve in the position until Oct. 31, 2007.)

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Paula reported that the tarring of the foundation of the new church had been completed by Roy and Tim.

CARING CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE:

Camille reported that the workshop on Planning Your Own Memorial Service will be held at Trinity on Nov.17th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. with Kit. Wendy is the person who sends out the cards to people when necessary.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Three new UU members were welcomed at last Sunday's service: Robyn and Lori W., and Debbie Z. Membership packets are being sent out to the new people.

Other discussion: Judy and Jeremy K. want to make a donation to the building fund. The information should be given to Peggy and she will handle how this should be received. Lois has contact information on them. We should give all new members an opportunity to make a pledge to the building fund as well as to church maintenance. A "Visitor's Packet" and a "Membership Packet" are being developed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE (RE): Mary G. is working on this.

ADULT EDUCATION:

Lois shared a new brochure that she and Joan and Sally worked together to prepare. A motion was made by Paula and seconded by Camille to accept and approve the new bulletin.

Lois explained that this new brochure will be in the new "Visitor's Packet" and also will be available on the table for members to pick up. A question about a phone number to contact if there is interest in any of the activities was discussed. That will be worked on by the committee. The church has an in-kind printing service of up to \$1,500.00. But this printing of the new brochure is a budget item and Lois will look it up in the budget.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Baird reported that he and Terri are working on an inservice for more training for lay leaders.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion about some standing committee that was not in existence was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Baird asked Pat to submit all the calendar dates that she had from the calendar setting meeting to Rebecca for the Newsletter, as well as to the board members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Frank made the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat L., Secretary