

MINUTES OF UUCWI BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
12/11/08

Present: Kit Ketcham, Baird B, Lois C, Paula K, Mark B, Camille L, Celia B (guest related to her new job as Monthly Newsletter writer) and Mavis C for some of the mtg.

Brief discussion about approval of Mark B as new, temporary, board member replacing Amy C. Mark is also on Committee on Ministry which could potentially be a conflict of interest. It should be all right but if a problem arises, it will be discussed at that time. Baird moved that we accept Mark as a new member, Lois seconded it and all approved. Mark joined the meeting.

Minutes of Nov. meeting approved as corrected via email. Reminder to all to remove Amy and add Mark to our Board of Trustees email distribution lists.

Minister's Report—Kit drew our attention to the need for a policy on loaning tables, chairs, equipment to UUCWI members. Some borrowing is already happening. It would require a lot of paperwork and supervision on Mavis's part to set up a loan system and that is not doable now. The loan policy will be "no loans" at this time. Those who want to borrow a hymnal should be encouraged to purchase their own, although Paula pointed out that it is "cheap advertising." Baird suggested that we have a hymnal purchasing drive every six months or so.

Treasurer's Rpt.—ten page report from Toyan was presented by Paula. Paula suggested that we need a new appraisal of the land and building soon after getting occupancy permit. We need accurate information for insurance purposes. Our liability insurance is adequate and the contents of the building are insured for \$75K.

Lois asked us to look at the Vanco payment company which a number of congregations are using to get congregants to make regular monthly payments of their pledges. Presidents of PNW area are discussing this at their next meeting and Baird will let us know the pros and cons via email and it will be on next month's agenda.

Auction rpt.—Camille presented checks and cash to Paula with announcements that profits were \$7775.52.

Mavis joined us.

Status of Occupancy Permit—Roy, Tom, Dave, Tim and Marc are almost finished with kitchen to deck wheelchair ramp and it should be done by Jan. 1st. We need to have a permit in order to rent out the building.

Building Use Comm. Rpt.—Mavis told us the Legh Burns will be offering music appreciation lectures on Sundays in Jan. in our building. The Lyceum group that used to meet at Bayview, will offer their Tues. evening discussions at UUCWI in March/April for six weeks. Jim S is the liaison with them.

Social Responsibility Comm.—next Sunday, Nov. 14th, will hold a potluck after church.

Bobby C will be our new custodian. Mavis says we need a list of duties that can be given to him to check off. Also, volunteers who may be moved to help with maintenance, can look at the list and see what needs to be done. Bobby will buy supplies and be reimbursed. Action item—Baird will make checklist and send to BOT for suggestions and additions.

Baird stated that we now have a number of new members. Lois says that the congregation numbers 82, taking into account a few who have left. We have to pay national for each member in February.

Baird suggested reintroducing custom of putting photos and a paragraph about each new member in the newsletter and in the lobby. Celia offered to do this. She will take the photo (if member doesn't already have one she can use) and the member will write their own introduction. We need to find room in the foyer to post these pictures.

Mavis needs to update phone book. It was suggested that it would be nice to have photos in the phone book in the future.

Stewardship Comm. Rpt.—we reviewed the Stewardship Volunteer form that Lois wants to put in the Order of Service soon. Minor changes were made. Lois said that as we grow, we will eventually not need personal “asks.”

Baird said that stewardship visits should be social/ministerial, not just about money. Canvass dinner is on April 4th. Training will be on March 28th. Lois will choose a theme for the dinner.

RE Comm. Rpt.—Paula says the committee needs more members. Baird reminded us of the possibility of the OWL program but the BOT felt there weren't enough kids in RE to implement it at present. Paula said she has some RE ideas she will pass on to Lorie.

Worship Comm. Rpt.—Paula needs a list of speakers ahead of time in order to issue checks. She reminded us that musicians are paid in cash on the day of performance.

Kit and Ken M say that usher training is needed now that Earl isn't organizing the ushers. This can be done after church one Sunday.

Camille reminded us that auction leadership is still needed for next November.

On the history of UUCWI written by Malcolm F, it was decided that Malcolm should send it to Mavis before she sends link to it to all congregation members for suggestions and additions. If it becomes an official history, the Board will need to approve it. We do not need to do that if it is just Malcolm's enterprise.

Next meeting on Jan. 9, 2009. Paula will be chalice lighter.

Adjournment at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille L (for Pat L)

