

## **UUSS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

November 20, 2014

Members Present: Linda Clear, Denis Edgren, Cathy George, Janet Lopes, Peter Killian, Terry Preston, Carol Jacobs, Shirley Hines, Charlotte Selton

Members Absent: Linda Klein

Staff Present: Rev. Roger Jones

Guests Present: Dirk Tuell

The meeting was convened at 7 p.m.

The October BOT minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Website**

Dirk Tuell did a presentation for the Board and the Program Council on the new website for UUSS. Dirk showed the overall design and the format of pages that are on the new site. He has prepared video tutorials to help the committees on how to upload information on the new website.

### **Building Project Update**

Janet gave an update on the new building project and passed out some new renderings of building. The estimate of soft costs is now \$155,000. Chairs may be cheaper than we budgeted but we may not be able to fit all the chairs in the storage area. The Steering Committee is very appreciative of the work Tim Anderson has done determining audio-visual needs and costs. Basic audio-visual costs could be covered for approximately \$50 thousand with a wide range of options beyond that. The building project has new information on the UUSS website. The building project is currently on schedule.

The Board discussed the need to name the new building and the rooms within. Linda Clear and Carrie Cornwell will form a group to name the new building rooms. The recommendations will be brought to the Board.

**Betty Ch'maj funds** - Linda Klein previously meet with stakeholders from the Betty Ch'maj fund about a proposal to use accrued interest in the fund for audio-visual needs in the new building. Cathy made a motion that the funds in the Betty Ch'maj account, in excess of the \$25,000 original funding, as of October 31, 2014, be given to the building project for AV equipment. The motion was seconded by Shirley and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report-** Denis reported that things are looking good. Utilities are running

higher than budgeted. Everything is within reasonable expectations. The balance sheet is looking healthy. The Finance Committee is examining the Five Star Bank loan provisions including terms and conditions relating to prepayment of the loan.

**Membership Update-** Information on attendance and the number of guests was sent out to members prior to the meeting. Overall attendance has been fairly consistent with the attendance totals slightly below what it was when we had two services in the old building. The Membership Committee would like to develop methods to get long-range data on retention of members. The biggest weakness at SAUCC continues to be getting new people introduced, feeling comfortable and going to Pilgrim Hall.

**Program Council-** Carol and Shirley reported that the Program Council had a productive retreat. Program liaisons were assigned. Program Council is working well with six members and they do not feel that a seventh member is needed on the Council at this time.

### **Minister Reports**

Rev. Roger reported that he had a very worthwhile trip as part of a Border Witness delegation with the UU College of Social Justice. He has described the experience in two recent sermons. Rev. Roger and Rev. Lucy meet with major committees and with UU leaders on a regular basis. The new spiritual deepening circles are going well. UUSS staff are busy and happy.

### **Board Business**

Roger's Installation date will not be held before March.

Glory has agreed to chair the April 18 auction. The auction will be adults only and will be held in Pilgrim Hall. Glory has prepared a proposal for the auction.

There was a discussion about renaming the UUSS. Linda K. and others do not think that the word society in our name is an accurate reflection of who we are. Given the new building and new signage, it is felt by some that it would be a good time to change the name. Each member spoke to this issue and the majority of the Board do not feel it is right time to make this change. The Board was not opposed to changing the name at some time in the future.

BOT Soup Sunday on December 14. We need 7 soups. Denis, Linda C., Shirley, Carol, Cathy, Peter, and Terry will bring soup.

Linda K. will center in December.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy George, Secretary UUSS Board of Trustees