

MINUTES

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Directors

February 22, 2011

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Attendees: Claudia Harris, Vice President; Virginia Villarreal, Secretary; George Leppla, Treasurer; Members at Large: Amanda Lawrence, Robert Smith, Betty Parent, and John Allen. Ex-officio members Susan Caldwell, DRE, and Barbara Jarrell, Chaplain

Absent: Susan Bettinger, President

Lighting of the Chalice

The Chalice was lit, and Susan Caldwell read a passage by William Wordsworth.

Approval of Minutes

The Board read the Minutes of January 18th; Amanda moved to approve the Minutes, and John seconded. The Minutes passed without opposition.

BPOD

1st Sunday, 3/6: Susan Bettinger/ Robert Smith

2nd Sunday, 3/13: Betty Parent/ John Allen

3rd Sunday, 3/20: George Leppla/ Amanda Lawrence

4th Sunday, 3/27: Claudia Harris/ Virginia Villarreal

Chaplain's Report

Pastoral Care: John Rosser died, and his funeral service will be at the church. Hank needs transportation to church. John Loggins' father died. Adrienne Critcher's mother died in the hospital.

Emerson Sunday: We are planning to have Emerson Sunday on March 15th. We still don't have our speaker for that day. Barbara suggested Dr. Phillip Rozeman. John will ask Raydra Hall to put a notice in the newsletter asking the members for suggestions on whom to nominate.

Sunday Greeters: Barbara talked with Ron Thurston regarding our Sunday greeters. The greeters have to make a special effort to make sure our guests feel welcome, and engage them in conversation.

Ordination: Ordination is set for May 29th. The Board brainstormed ways of paying for the event. The Board felt that the congregation needed to participate more in ways for covering the expenses we will incur with the ordination. Claudia suggested that we let the Committee for Ordination meet and address the question of fundraisers to pay for everything. George stated that if we didn't have money to pay for everything, then perhaps we should postpone the event. That suggestion was out of the question at this time. Robert clarified that most of the expenses come from covering the travel

expenses, and most of the primary speakers opt not to charge the cost; however, we need to wait for the speakers to donate their time first. John suggested that the Board can front the costs now, and the congregation can refund the expenses with fundraisers and donations. George agreed that the Board then loan the committee up to \$3,000.00 to be refunded later. Robert then moved to spend up to \$3,000.00 for the ordination, Amanda seconded. The motion passed without opposition or abstentions.

Church Advertisement: Barbara suggested having lawn signs based on our Unison of Affirmation made; members would then take turns and put these signs in their front lawns as a way of putting out our message, and serve as an advertisement for the church. These would be inexpensive signs, perhaps made of corrugated plastic. John moved to approve up to \$400.00 for the signs, Robert seconded. The motion passed without opposition or abstentions.

TV Table: The Board would like to thank Tim Brogan for building the sturdy table to hold our big television in the high school classroom. Labor was free, and we only had to pay for the materials.

Building and Grounds

Tree Limbs: There are a lot of tree limbs that are touching the sanctuary roof that need to be removed. We decided to cut the limbs ourselves; thus, Barbara has a chain saw we could use; Amanda will ask Bob Holt if he also has a saw, and George will ask Marian Avery if she knows anyone who could help.

Erosion: John already asked the Erosion Engineering Company to come evaluate the property to give us a brief summary of our soil situation and how much it would cost to repair.

Poison Ivy: Barbara inquired about a way to best get rid of poison ivy closest to the building and around the playground. Betty will look into killing the poison ivy before the Easter egg hunt.

Planter Box: The planter box still needs to be dug out, cleaned, and the seal to the building repaired; then it will be filled with gravel to help drainage. No further planting in the area will be allowed.

Hallway Carpet: Cleaning the carpet in the hallway has been put on hold until the planter box is fixed to insure no more leaking from the wall.

Power Wash: Betty met with Window Gang for bids to power wash the church. Sarah Boswell is offering to cover some of the expense, and Betty will cover most of the cost.

Treasure's Report

George informed the Board that he is getting acquainted with the church's finances. He gave us a printout of the church expenses up to this date, which show that we have enough money to operate. He also noticed that the pledges are where they should be at this time.

DLFD Report

Susan provided the Board with a written report. The following items are found in her report: **(for a more complete description, please read Susan's whole report, which is attached to these Minutes.)**

- **Playground Committee:** congratulations and thanks to the Playground Committee for a very successful fundraiser. The Italian Lunch on Sunday after

church was a great success and community builder. They were able to raise \$549 for the new playground.

- **RE Committee:** The RE committee met and discussed the program, and ways to keep things running.
- **Adult RE:** The spring New UU Class had their first meeting. The class will run 'till April 5th.

Council Report

Upcoming Events: These are the following upcoming events:

- The Welcoming Committee will hold a series of town hall meetings and workshops starting in March.
- The Plant Sale sponsored by the Green Committee has been moved to Saturday, March 26th at church.
- Membership: Three people signed the book recently.
- Sophie Cull will be here for Brown Bag discussion.
- Social Justice Committee: members will be monitoring the jury selections in capital punishment cases.
- Interfaith meeting will be held here at church on March 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Volunteer of the Month: Virginia Villarreal is our March Volunteer of the Month.

Denominational Affairs Team Report

Steve Caldwell submitted the Denominational Affairs Team Report with upcoming Unitarian Universalist events for the 22nd of February 2011 and beyond. The report is posted with the minutes.

Robert mentioned the following upcoming events:

- Leadership Training: you can now apply online.
- The Stewardship Consultant training will be in October.

Office Report

We still need volunteers. We have four volunteers to handle the office, but we need volunteers to fill in when one of the volunteers is absent.

New Business

Nominating Committee: Tony Austin informed Amanda that he will serve on the Nominating Committee. Ron Thurston, Laurie Lyons and Rick Carlisle agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Board will ask Ron Thurston if he would chair the committee.

New Members Bulletin Board: We need to have Ron Thurston take the picture of our new members who signed the book to put on the bulletin board.

Adjournment

At 9:00 p.m. Robert requested that the Board go into executive session. The executive session lasted from 9:00 p.m. to 9:35, at which time John moved and Betty seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.