

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington

Approved Minutes of the March 19, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting

Governance -- Membership Journey -- Communication

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Attending: David Cox, Steve Dillon, Chris Haynes, Jason Hill, Karen Jewell, Chris Judge, Lloyd Orr, Cindy Port, G. K. Rowe, Jan Skinner, Amy Taylor, Shari Woodbury

Not attending: Deanne Lahre

Ex-officio: Rev. Bill Breeden, Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, Carol Marks

Call to order by G.K. Rowe, Vice President, at 7:04 (Jan Skinner, President, arrived a few minutes later)

Chalice Lighting and Reading by Shari Woodbury

**[Motion: Approval of the February 20, 2008
Board of Directors Meeting minutes](#)**

Moved by Steve Dillon, second by Lloyd Orr,

Vote: approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Lloyd Orr, Treasurer, reported a favorable financial situation, with revenues ahead of projections.

Staff Reports

See the following attached reports:

- Special Events Committees Status report submitted by Shari Woodbury
- Rev. Mary Ann Macklin's report
- Rev. Bill Breeden's report

Carol Marks reported on building security concerns. Repairs to the main doors so they reliably latch by themselves will be investigated, as will a system that will indicate all unlatched doors.

There was agreement to accept a Membership committee suggestion to try reversing the yellow mug convention, so newcomers are invited to approach those holding yellow mugs. The web and service announcement need to be updated accordingly.

Bylaws changes

There was discussion leading to revision of proposed bylaws changes submitted by the Governance taskforce.

Motion: Bylaws revision

The bylaws revisions agreed to in this meeting of the board shall be incorporated and the bylaws revisions document forwarded to Guy Loftman. With Guy Loftman's approval and possible revisions, it will be distributed by email to the board members no later than next Monday morning. Board members shall submit concerns to the President no later than Tuesday evening. If there are concerns, there will be a special board meeting at 7:00 on Wednesday the 26th. If there are no concerns, or with concerns resolved by the special meeting, the document shall be published for congregation review on March 31st.

Moved by Steve Dillon, second by David Cox

Vote: approved unanimously

Food following congregational meeting

David Cox will arrange for food following the special congregational meeting.

Motion: campus ministry budget overage approval

An overage of \$167.40 be approved for the campus ministry budget.

Moved by Steve Dillon, second by Shari Woodbury

Vote: approved unanimously

Custodial services budget overage

We are overbudget for Custodial services because of increased church programming. We have been averaging \$1525 per month so far this year and we are just budgeted for \$1243 per month. We currently only have funds (\$2722) to barely cover March and April. We will need at least \$3000 added to this line, which does exceed 10% of the line, which would be \$1492. The total line is 14922.00. \$3000 would cover it, but \$3500 would provide a nice cushion. The Board cannot fix this since it is such a large amount, and the June congregational meeting is too late.

-- Carol Marks

Motion: custodial services budget overage proposal

An overage of \$3,500 for the custodial services budget be submitted to the congregation for approval at the upcoming special congregational meeting.

Moved by Steve Dillon, second by Amy Taylor

Vote: approved unanimously

Board role in Stewardship campaign

Rev. Breeden requests that Board members participate in a pledge card sort, and then take some cards for calls, on Sunday April 13th at 12:45. This is the last step in the pledge campaign.

Motion: addendum to Policy 5.01 Assistance to the indigent to encompass material assistance

Add the following as an addendum to Policy 5.01 Assistance to the indigent to encompass material assistance:

For the protection of the Church staff, the Board prohibits representatives of the Church from giving money or other material assistance to those who come to the Church seeking help, except in response to a church sponsored program. (Board Minutes 3/19/08)

Rationale: The Church wishes to provide assistance to those in need; however the Church does not have the staff or other resources to provide emergency cash or other material assistance to those who seek help. The board encourages the ministers, staff and other representatives of the Church to provide information to those in need about the many social service agencies in Bloomington and Monroe County that can provide material assistance.

Text of existing Policy 5.01 Assistance To the Indigent to Encompass Material Assistance:

The Church wishes to provide assistance to those in need; however the Church does not have the staff or other resources to provide emergency cash or other material assistance to those who seek help. The board encourages the ministers, staff and other representatives of the Church to provide information to those in need about the many social service agencies in Bloomington and Monroe County which can provide material assistance.

Moved by Lloyd, second by Steve Dillon

Vote: approved, with one abstention

Stewardship committee needs help

- Hors d'oeuvres for lead event
- Assistance for breakfast on April 6th
- Card sort noted above

Motion: to adjourn

Moved by Steve Dillon, second by David Cox

Vote: approved unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Dates you need to know

- March 30: "Leadership" event at 4:00 PM. Board is invited.
- April 5-6: Heartland District meeting, Louisville, KY
- April 7: Stewardship Campaign kick-off
- April 20: 5:30 PM Special Congregational Meeting - Governance Report to be only item on agenda