

# Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington

## Approved Minutes of the December 21, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting

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**Attending:** Steve Dillon, Abby Gitlitz, Chris Haynes, John Lawson, Carol McCord, Kevin Rottet, John Summerlot

**Ex-officio:** Reverend Mary Ann Macklin Reverend Bill Breeden, Amy Taylor

**Call to order** by Steve Dillon, President, at 7:05

## Motion: Approve the November 16, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting minutes

Moved by Chris Haynes, second by John Lawson

Vote: approved unanimously

## Motion: Approve the December 11, 2011 Congregational Meeting minutes

A few corrections were accepted.

Moved by Carol McCord, second by Kevin Rottet

Vote: approved unanimously

## **Executive Minister's Report**

Reverends Mary Ann Macklin and Bill Breeden are doing a worship service on January 22nd with pot luck in Paoli with folks interested in exploring a satellite congregation possibilities. Others are welcome to join them.

The June 2012 General Assembly in Arizona will be devoted to social justice to an exceptional degree.

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin reported on the Gathered Heer initiative the UUA, to be completed by June. Among other motivations, it is a means for the UUA board to reevaluate their Ends Statements, and it is in the spirit of Appreciative Inquiry. The Board supported Reverend Mary Ann Macklin's intention of having a limited, one day (or afternoon), local activity this Spring in support of this initiative. This will also serve to update our Appreciative Inquiry process of several years ago, with emphasis on the views of newer congregants.

Amy Taylor, Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) District President, reported on the How Big Is Our Faith initiative that district presidents are doing with ministers and lay leaders, involving only 5 questions.

The Board can use information gained from these initiatives in its visioning.

## **Board Personnel Committee**

Carol McCord is working with Reverend Mary Ann Macklin to recommend membership in a personnel committee of the Board, which Chris Haynes has agreed to chair. The exact name and charge of the committee are yet to be determined, and it is expected that it will be mandated by a future addition to the by-laws. It was agreed that external (UUA) consulting would be valuable in this regard.

## **Benefits of Membership**

A comment by John Summerlot that a surprising number of regular congregants were not church members initiated a general discussion of the need for greater awareness of membership benefits. It was agreed that this needs to be addressed comprehensively.

In this context Reverend Mary Ann Macklin observed that Judy Bennet's contributions as membership coordinator are "huge". Her position was funded by a UUA District Chalice Lighter grant. Our member Chalice Lighter contributions have fallen off, and as a consequence we are not eligible for another Chalice Lighter grant at this time, though there are several possibilities for grant applications were we eligible. There was agreement that promotion of Chalice Lighter contributions was desirable.

# **Motion: to adjourn**

Moved by Steve Dillon, second by Kevin Rottet

Vote: approved unanimously

**The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM**