

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP of LONGVIEW

Governing Board Meeting

February 14, 2010

MINUTES

Board Members Present: President Jessica Noble, Vice President Marolen Mullinax, Secretary Sky Mitchell, Treasurer Huey Mitchell, Director-at-Large Chip Koepke; Director-at-Large Amanda Koepke

Absent Board Members: Director-at-Large Celeste Fisher, Director-at-Large Tina Rushing

Also Present: Betty Ready

Jessica called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM by lighting the candle and sharing a reading from our hymnal (*To Serve The People*).

The Board Members read the Board Covenant.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes as submitted. Huey made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Amanda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda reported that she collected the Investment Survey responses and gave them to Julie who took them to the NTAUUS meeting and turned them in.

Celeste will leave the covenant-in-process up on the walls in the sanctuary for people to add items and comments until next Sunday and then take them down after services. She will then type up a draft to be presented to the congregation for consideration.

Chip has talked with Lisa about doing a thorough cleaning of the building. She will be able to do everything except the carpeting and seat upholstery. Amanda said she and Celeste would take care of the carpeting and upholstery.

There was no report submitted on the status of the Fellowship Directory.

Marolen said the items in the RE building are happy where they are and will be staying there until a need is found for them or the space is needed for something else and to please stop bugging her about it every month!

Marolen contacted Tom Stoval and asked if he made the roadside sign for the Tyler Fellowship. She said we were thinking about having one made and need some advice. She has not heard back from him yet.

The Board decided we would not be able to submit a grant proposal to NTAUUS in time for the 2009 awards. Amanda suggested we start gearing up for the 2010 ones now.

Huey presented the financial report. First he noted that the CD at Region's will mature on February 17th. We need to decide how long to renew it for. Marolen will check out a bank that might have a better rate than Region's. The Board discussed what to do with the \$113 that will be left over in the budget because the interest rate changed and our mortgage payment is now lower. It was decided to put that amount in a new line item and let it accumulate until we can use it to do some needed improvement on our buildings or grounds. The report will be filed for audit.

Marolen presented the list of March speakers: Jo Porterfield, Scottie Johnson, Celeste Fisher, and Sherry Kircus.

Sky said she thinks a Grievance Process is an important part of successful group functioning. Amanda and Jessica said they would work with Sky to put together a rough draft. Marolen said it would be wise to wait until the Covenant Process is finished before presenting a new item to the congregation. Everyone concurred. Amanda recalled that Marla Loturco from Red River UU said their fellowship had recently crafted a grievance process and it is on the website. Sky will check into that.

Amanda has sent three emails to the PR people at the UUA to find out what advertising materials are available, but has received no response. Jessica suggested Amanda call Susan Smith at the SouthWest UUA District. Sky suggested that Daniel Polk might have some ad material.

We occasionally get letters from people who are in prison. One recent writer asked if he would be welcome at our Fellowship. The Board had a lengthy discussion on what the proper response would be. This is a complex situation and will require further research and discussion. We do know, from previous experience, that a convicted sex offender who is on parole must not be invited to the Fellowship.

There being no further business, Jessica adjourned the meeting and extinguished the candle.

Sky Mitchell, Secretary