

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP of LONGVIEW

Governing Board Meeting

August 9, 2009

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Vice President Marolen Mullinax, Secretary Sky Mitchell, Treasurer Huey Mitchell, Director-at-Large Celeste Fisher, Director-at-Large Tina Rushing

Board Members Absent: President Jessica Noble, Director-at-Large Chip Koepke, Director-at-Large Amanda Koepke,

Also Present: Ruth Semrau

Marolen called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM by lighting the candle.

Ruth asked to address the Board. She said she needed to let Dave Young know whether or not we were going to hire him to make the shelves for the foyer. He has quoted us a price (\$892) for two six-foot-long units with three 13-inch deep shelves. They will be placed against the wall on the right side of the foyer. Discussion ensued. Celeste asked if we could move the large table out of the center of the room. Sky said this would give room for visiting prior to entering the worship space. It was suggested that the food could be moved out to the foyer. Tina asked if we could buy ready-made shelving of the same quality for a better price. The consensus was "no." Huey asked when the shelves would be ready. Ruth said within six weeks. A motion was made and seconded to hire Dave Young to build and install the shelves for the foyer. Huey inquired if Mr Young asked for any money up front. Ruth said half of the total amount. Huey wrote a check for \$500. The remainder will be due when the shelves are installed. Ruth said she also talked to Dave Young about building cabinets to be installed on the wall between the front door and left hand (as you enter) corner of the foyer. Mr. Young said he could build those for \$934.68. The board members decided to wait until later on that project.

The July minutes were reviewed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

Although Chip and Amanda were not in attendance, Amanda had emailed Sky with their status on their projects. She thinks the Facebook page is done. The flooring in the Child Care room has been installed but they still need to paint and attach the molding. Chip said he forgot to put the poison out for the rodents in the R E building.

Huey presented the financial report in its new, simplified format. Everyone appreciated its simpler form. Marolen said that she would like it to include a column for the budget so we can compare what is being spent to what is budgeted. Huey said he would add that to the format. He explained the huge sum in the Utilities slot. We received a water bill for \$304. Chip went to the water department. They credited our account for that amount. We need to find out why all the water use is going through the building meter and why the water used for watering the lawns is not being tracked by the second meter. Marolen thanked Huey for implementing the new, simpler design. There being no further questions or discussion, the report was approved to be filed for audit.

Susan Smith's presentation to the Board on July 12th regarding the functioning of small congregations included many good ideas for us to work on and incorporate. The Board decided to focus first on developing covenants. Everyone on the Board will do some research, find some examples, and define what is important to them regarding Board Meeting behavior. This will be shared with all Board members and a covenant will be worked out based on that input. Huey noted that the NTAUUS Board is in the process of developing a covenant and may be a good source for us.

Celeste agreed to do a program in October on developing a congregational covenant to begin the process with the whole Fellowship.

Celeste and Tina will co-chair a learning/discussion group that will focus on UU principles and history. The first series of meetings will begin in January 2010. They will be held on Sunday mornings from 10:00 am to 10:45 am. The book, *A Chosen Faith* will be used. These meetings will be held especially for newcomers, but all interested members and friends will be invited to participate.

Sky noted that the seven UU principles are not printed on the Sunday Order of Service covers. Marolen said she would take care of getting that changed.

There being no further business, Marolen extinguished the candle and ended our meeting at 2:00 pm.

Sky Mitchell, Secretary
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