

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP of LONGVIEW

Governing Board Meeting

September 20, 2009

MINUTES

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

Board Members Absent: Director-at-Large Chip Koepke

Also Present: Richard Parrish, Susan Hughes

Jessica called the meeting to order at 12:55 PM by reading an Opening Words article by Darrel J. Fasching and Dell Dechant from UU World magazine and lighting the candle.

The August minutes were reviewed and no additions or corrections were made. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.

Richard asked to address the Board. He said that it was with deep regret that he was resigning his membership in the UUFL but the time has come for him to continue his spiritual journey with a more theistic group. He said he does not want to sever ties with us and would like to be on the Friends' list. He will continue to play the piano for us on Sundays until November 15th to give us time to find another musician. The Board accepted his resignation with dismay, but wished him well on his spiritual journey.

Susan Hughes came to our Fellowship this Sunday to visit our space and to ask the Board if we would be willing to rent it to her Quaker Meeting group twice a month. They are in the process of looking for a place in the Longview area. It was the consensus of the Board that this would be a mutually beneficial situation for both of our groups. Susan said the group would probably be able to make a decision in a few weeks.

Amanda said she did not know where Chip was on the Facebook project. Sky said she went to the site and there was a link to our web page.

The quarter-round molding is ready to be painted and tacked to the base of the walls in the Child Care Room.

Marolen said she would get the poison from Chip and put it in the ceiling of the R E building to rid the building of the animals that are nesting there.

The Board next addressed the jobs list. It was noted that it is mostly Board members who are doing all the jobs around the Fellowship. It was agreed that we need to recruit volunteers from the congregation in order to give members and friends the opportunity for full participation. Celeste noted that this would promote feelings of inclusiveness. Sky said job descriptions are a necessary component of recruitment.

After the Book Nook can be moved to the new lobby shelving, the Board will find someone to monitor it. Until then, Amanda and Zoe will continue taking responsibility for it. Jessica will ask Jerry if he will make a new UUFL Directory. Amanda said she had pictures that could be put in the UUFL History Book and Huey said he could put it on our web site.

The shelving for the lobby should be ready in a couple weeks. After it is installed, the table in the lobby will be moved to the Child Care room.

Amanda and Marolen will get a runner made for the new center aisle. Huey suggested they make it a "T" runner so that it can also cover the floor behind the last row of seats.

Celeste will be giving a talk on October 4th about our Fellowship developing a behavioral covenant. The Board needs to have its covenant in place before we do a congregational one. We will work on it by email. Sky will start the process by sending her ideas for others to build on.

Huey presented the financial reports. Our expenses are greater than our income. The UUA, SWD-UUA, and NTAUUS dues must be paid. Huey voiced concern about how much we pay. He does not believe they do enough for our Fellowship to merit that much in dues. Marolen noted that it has always been a point of pride that the Fellowship pays the full amount.

One of the old air conditioning units is not working properly. The Board unanimously agreed that the best thing to do would be to have a new unit installed. Two estimates were solicited. Air Cybernetics (the company that replaced the AC unit that was stolen) submitted a bid to install a new unit for \$1995.

Huey will make his quarterly report to the congregation in October. It was suggested that we ask the congregation for a special donation to help balance the books and pay for the new air conditioning unit.

The financial report will be filed for audit.

It was suggested we hold another garage sale. Celeste said she was willing to drive the project. It will be held in November. Saturday, the 14th was suggested.

Huey said he and Sky would give their week at The Villages (November 20th through the 27th) to the Fellowship to use as a fund-raiser. Marolen said she would see about getting raffle tickets printed. Amanda said she would make fliers. Tina said she would help find places to post them.

Marolen asked the Board for their input on Joys and Concerns. Everyone agreed that they liked them as part of our service and would not want them taken out.

The topic of renting space to the Quakers came up again. Marolen felt that we should contact Susan Hughes to make a formal offer to rent them use of one of our buildings for \$15 per month (for two meetings). Sky said she would email the offer to Susan.

There being no further business, Jessica extinguished the candle and ended the meeting at 2:50 PM.

Sky Mitchell, Secretary
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