

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP of LONGVIEW

Governing Board Meeting

October 11, 2009

MINUTES

Board Members Present: President Jessica Noble, Secretary Sky Mitchell, Treasurer Huey Mitchell, Director-at-Large Celeste Fisher, Director-at-Large Chip Koepke

Board Members Absent: Vice President Marolen Mullinax, Director-at-Large Amanda Koepke, Director-at-Large Tina Rushing

Also Present: Sherry Kircus; Ruth Semrau; Jerry Kircus

Jessica called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM with a reading and lighting the candle.

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

Chip has gotten the UUFL on Facebook with a link to our web site. Celeste invited all her Facebook friends to become fans.

Chip reported that the new air conditioning unit was installed on Thursday and is working perfectly.

Amanda has not had time to match the paint for the shoe molding in the Child Care room.

Chip placed the poison in the overhead of the back room in the R E building on Friday. While working in the room he noted that there is also a major infestation of spiders. The Board agreed that after the yard sale on November 7th the building should be thoroughly cleaned and sprayed to get rid of all insects.

Huey said he had received a letter from Kelly Cook, the builder of the apartments next to the Fellowship, asking if he could park one car in our parking lot for the rest of the month while he is finishing up the work on the building. He would also like to bring a small U-Haul truck in for one day. No one had any problem with that.

Jessica said the most important position that we need to find someone to fill is that of playing the piano for Sunday services. She asked if the Board had any objection to her approaching the music teachers at the two high schools to find out if there are any students who would be interested in playing for the Fellowship services. No one had any objection. Jessica wondered if we could offer the students a small remuneration, perhaps using the rent money we collect from the Quakers **if** they decide to hold their meetings here. Jessica said she also asked Tina to check at Kilgore College. Tessa (the Koepke's niece), Michael Todd (Beecher's son), and Linda Smith have, or will be, asked to play the piano for the UUFL services. Members and Friends who play other instruments and/or sing will be invited to provide live music. Celeste noted that most people seem to be willing to play occasionally, not every Sunday. She suggested a calendar be set up like the one Lisa does for Sunday Snacks & Clean Up. That would require a coordinator. Ruth and Sherry agreed to work on the Music Director job description. We also have CDs we can use when there is no one to make live music. Sherry said she would be able to play the piano while leading the singing - as a last resort.

Jessica asked what other jobs needed to be filled. Huey said we need another NTAUUS rep. Jessica said she would talk to Jay and see if they could do that. Celeste suggested a "Classified Ads" section be put in our newsletter so we could advertise all the jobs that need to be filled. Everyone thought that was a good idea.

Jerry and John are working together on making a directory for the Fellowship. Jerry will take pictures of everyone and collect the information to go in the directory. John will set it up on the computer. The Board voted unanimously in favor of them carrying out this plan.

Huey and Amanda are working on getting pictures taken during Fellowship activities on the website. They will be linked to a tab on the drop down menu under About Us. The new tab will be labeled either History or Photo Album; they have not decided yet on that.

Status of the runner for the center aisle was tabled because neither Marolen nor Amanda were at the meeting.

Social Justice mUUVie Nights - Jessica will call and speak to Amanda to get clarification.

Celeste reported that she and Julie and Huey cleared the R E building of unsalable items and put price tags on items that still needed them, and we are now ready to begin accepting items for our next garage sale (on November 7th).

Celeste will contact Tina and they will decide which one of them will form and chair a committee to devise a vision statement, mission statement, and covenant for the Fellowship to adopt.

Marolen ordered tickets to be made for the Week at The Villages fundraiser and Chip and Amanda picked them up Friday. They made a spreadsheet to keep a record of how many tickets each person takes and how much money and how many tickets are returned. Chip and Amanda also made envelopes people could use for keeping the tickets and money together. Chip distributed some of them at the Fellowship today. The rest will be kept at the Fellowship to be distributed on future Sundays.

Huey presented the financial report. He pointed out that although we took in \$16.93 more than we spent during the month of September, year-to-date we are \$325.73 in the red. October's report will show three large expenses: dues (UUA, NTAUUS, SWD-UUA), new air conditioning unit, and the runner for the center aisle will come to about \$5000 and put us even further in the red. Huey will explain this to the friends and members who attend the financial meeting that will be held next Sunday before services. There were no questions. The report will be filed for audit.

Since Marolen did not attend the meeting, we will await the list of November programs and speakers until her return next week.

Jessica informed the Board that she had received an inquiry asking if we would be interested in participating in a combined board training this summer that will be sponsored by the NTAUUS Education Committee. It will take place on a Friday and Saturday. Jessica asked that people be thinking about whether they would be interested and able to attend.

There being no further business, Jessica extinguished the candle and adjourned the meeting at 1:50 PM.

Sky Mitchell, Secretary