

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP of LONGVIEW

Governing Board Meeting

December 13, 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 Chip Koepke

Board Members Absent: Director-at-Large Amanda Koepke, Director-at-Large Tina Rushing

Also Present: Austin Pennington

Jessica called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM by lighting the candle.

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

Sky said she would take a shelf from the R E room, get the color matched at Lowe's, buy the paint, and paint the shoe molding.

Chip and Amanda got the solar lights and set them up along the driveway. They also purchased two new motion-activated coach lights to go by the front doors.

Chip inspected the R E building and did not find any new drippings down the walls. Poison must be working. There is no foul smell. Marolen said we should probably put some more up in the overhead in a couple months. Chip said we should clean the walls first so we can tell if there are new drippings.

There are still some items left over from the garage sale in the R E building. Marolen said she would look into donating them somewhere after the Christmas holidays.

Jessica said she would like to get a large reflector to put on the other side of the mail box in order to make our driveway more noticeable from the road. Everyone said that was a good idea. Huey suggested putting some reflectors along the base of the decorative rock.

Marolen said she would approach Tom Stovall about the possibility of making a roadside sign for our Fellowship like the one the Tyler Fellowship has.

Celeste said it is taking longer than she thought to get a committee together to work on the Vision and Mission statements for our Fellowship. She said she very much wants to do this project, but will not be able to get it done by the end of this year. Marolen said that that timeframe was only an optimum but we all have to deal with reality. Huey said perhaps by the end of the next quarter would be more doable. Celeste said she would like the project to be finished before the next Congregational Business Meeting. Everyone agreed.

There was no status report available on the progress of the new directory. We know Jerry has finished taking pictures. Jessica said she will ask John where he is on his part of the project.

Celeste will make a list of all the things that need to be thoroughly cleaned in the building and email it to Chip. He will get the list to Lisa Chatterton and ask her how much she would charge to do it. We have \$150 from Happy (for the wedding).

Marolen said she had talked with Tom Stovall about a date for the UU Fellowship of Tyler to come to our Fellowship for a Sunday service. She suggested April 25th. Everyone agreed that would be fine.

Huey then presented the financial report. He said he would like to use the funds (\$2200) in the Reserve Fund to help pay for the new AC unit we had to have installed. The Board agreed that was a good use of the fund. We will begin building it up again.

Jessica asked if we needed to use some of the funds in the Music budget item to pay someone to play the for our services. Huey explained that the only money in that fund is for tuning the piano. Paying a musician would have to come out of the Program budget. Marolen said that, at this time, there is only enough money to pay one speaker a month and, therefore, believes all those funds should go for speakers. Everyone gave high praise to Jerry and Sherry for the job they are doing with the music and felt no need to try to find someone to play the piano at this time.

Huey said the end of the year is approaching and he is putting together a letter about our financial status to go out to all our members and friends. Some people are behind in their pledges and this will be a good opportunity to remind people about their pledges. He is wondering whether it should go out under Jessica's name or his. Jessica said his, because he is the treasurer.

The financial report will be filed for audit.

Marolen noted that there are five Sundays in January. The speakers will be: 01/03-Richard Parrish, 01/10-Jay Noble, 01/17-Jonna Anderson, 01/24-?, 01/31-Neal Katz.

Huey emphasized that Opening and Closing the Building Responsibilities run from Monday through Sunday. Each Board Member is responsible for one week at a time. Marolen usually opens every Sunday unless she is out of town. Celeste expressed concern that there is no process in place for letting the person whose week it is know about a mid week event.

By February 1st, we need to know how many active (participating and/or contributing) we have because the number we have on that date determines the amount of dues we pay to the UUA, SWDUUA, and NTAUUS. Marolen will call Betty and Bob to find out what their wishes are.

There being no further business, Jessica adjourned the meeting by extinguishing the candle at 12:55.

Sky Mitchell, Secretary