

BIG SKY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

BOARD MEETING

HOME THE PALMER

JULY 8, 2009

DRAFT MINUTES

Present:

Magalie Benlanger, President
Jan Ellen Siemers, Vice President
Rebecca Hargis, Treasurer
Patrick Johnson, Secretary
Jeff Palmer, Board Member
Michele Webster, Board Member
Joyce Kronholm, Past President
Bill Kronholm, Chair, Home Exploration Committee
Peg Hunter, Fellowship Member

The meeting was convened by President Magalie Benlanger at 6:00 PM. Magalie expressed the board's thanks to the Palmers for hosting the meeting in their home and extended get well wishes to Jeff.

The board expressed their thanks to Michelle for her service as treasurer and for continuing service as a member of the board and welcomed Rebecca to the board as treasurer.

1. **Review of Draft Minutes of June 10, 2009**

MOTION: The minutes were reviewed and approved on a motion from Patrick Johnson with the following correction, seconded by Jan Ellen

Rebecca Hargis was appointed to the position of treasurer.

2. **Report From the Home Exploration Committee (HEC) & Worship Committee**

Bill and Magalie reported on the activities of the committees:

- A. The lease with the Plymouth Congregational Church (PCC) is being drafted. Provisions will include:

1. A term of nine months extending from August ?, 2009 to May ?, 2009.
 2. Rent will be \$150 per Sunday Service totaling \$600 per month or \$750 per month in those months with five Sunday Services.
 3. The rent will include full access to the kitchen and lower parking lot with disabled parking available in the upper lot.
 4. The rent will include access to the PCC for board and committee meetings, library space, storage space, the playground, and other UU activities (?) Sunday services will begin at 11:30 a.m. starting on August 27, 2009.
 5. Rent will be paid monthly.
- B. Magalie, et.al, will meet with the PCC to complete the lease.
- C. The lease will be available for the UU Board to review by the end of August 2009.
- D. Magalie will prepare a letter detailing the lease to be sent to the UU Fellowship.
- E. Magalie will arrange for adds in the IR and other publications to inform the community of the move to PCC.
- F. The UU and PCC congregations will gather for a “Mingle” in September at a date and time TBA.

MOTION: The draft lease provisions were approved on a motion by Magalie and seconded by Jeff Palmer.

3. Children’s Religious Education and Playground

Discussion ensued about the need for a playground monitor and a coordinator for the Childrens’ Religious Education Program. It was suggested that parents with children using the playground/participating be asked to take a turn monitoring the playground and assisting on Sunday(s) with religious education. Various individuals were suggested as possible religious ed coordinators.

4. Finance Report

Rebecca with assistance from Michelle and Joyce reported on the finances and financial procedures of the fellowship.

The funds are divided into (?) accounts:

1. Checking account: \$12,421
2. Savings: 3, 543
3. Building ?

4. Investment

MOTION: The establishment of a reserve account was approved on a motion by Patrick Johnson and seconded by Jeff Palmer.

5. **Circle of Eight**

The board expressed its support of the Circle of Eight program. Jeanne Powell will coordinator the Circle Eight which the board hopes will begin in November.

6. **Welcoming Committee**

It was noted that Carolyn Laksy will chair the welcoming committee for the coming year.

7. **General Assembly Report**

Magalie reported on the General Assembly (GA) in Salt Lake City. Magalie, Bastian Belanger, and Elle Rule represented the Big Sky UU at the GA.

Reverend Peter Morales was elected President of the Unitarian Universalist Association of congregations for a four year term with an option to serve for another term.

Action of the Social Witness Amendment was deferred until the next General Assembly in two years in Minneapolis.

The motion to adopt new language for the seven principals was defeated by 63 votes. Many comments were made centering on the abandonment of the poetic like prose of the existing language. Magalie noted that the principals are a Living Tradition and are okay as is.

Magalie reported that she had followed the social justice track and was eager to share what she had learned with the fellowship and focus on social justice during her tenure. Magalie shared with the board, the spirituality and energy she experienced at the GA and which she brought home. Magalie talked about the, "Call to Service" she felt and noted that she was considering attending the UU Seminary.

Magalie shared with the board her eagerness to talk with individual members of the fellowship to solicit their think and ideas in the interest of moving the fellowship forward in a unifying way.

8. **Town Meeting**

The board discussed holding a town meeting to share information and hold an open

discussion with the fellowship.

9. **Pledge Drive**

The board discussed the next pledge drive suggesting that it begin on the last Sunday of October and end on the last Sunday of November.

10. **Board “Retreat” Supper**

Magalie said that it would be good for the board to gather for supper for the purpose of fellowship and socializing.

11. **Appreciation Dinner**

Magalie talked about holding an appreciation dinner for members of the fellowship.

10. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Big Sky UU Board was scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the PCC.

11. **Adjourn**

Motion: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM on a motion from Jan Ellen seconded by Jeff Palmer.

Recorded and transcribed by Patrick Johnson, Secretary.