

UUCR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2007 MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board Members: Lillian Christman (President), David Drake (Treasurer), Myles Flint, Beth Hauck, Marsha Hughes-Rease, Erik Landberg (Secretary), Ed McClaran (President-Elect), Mark Moody, Nancy Simpson (Vice President), Anne Thomas,

Staff: Alison Eskildsen (DRE), Dennis Daniel and Sydney Wilde (Co-Ministers)

Guest: Ed Hauck (Music Committee Chair)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:50PM by Lillian who briefly noted service to others gives one gratitude and, in reflecting over her years serving UUCR as a volunteer and President, that service has helped her in centering her life. This is her last regular Board meeting as President.

REQUEST

Ed Hauck's request for an additional \$580 to fulfill the current year's music budget need was resolved by David's assurance of available funds for it.

REQUEST

On behalf of the finance committee a request was made by David for approval of a contractor bookkeeping position to fill the vacancy left by Salena Day. Unanimous approval was given on a motion to contract with the current candidate for the position. David will be the supervisor and Hutch's duties will remain unchanged.

STAFF REPORTS

Alison's DRE report reflected much planning for summer RE programs and she met with the RE Assistant candidate. She has recently been addressing homelessness in Fairfax County and hopes to incorporate the subject in the RE curriculum.

Mary Ann East's absence precluded discussion of the Music report. Highlights included the All-Music Sunday 5/27 review with special thanks to the choir and performers Peter Lubitz and Brendan Narod. And the Brahms Requiem success on May 22nd was noticed.

Sydney and Dennis noted that May was a very busy month with extensive meetings along with the usual pastoral and ministry activities as well as three weddings and planning for a 50th wedding anniversary celebration. The necessity of an evaluation of the total church's ministry was noted to encompass church committees' goal setting and achievements within a strategic context as well as the ministers. Dennis, having attended a county sponsored faith workshop, urged the Board to take the necessary steps to prepare for a flu pandemic affecting our church community and the broader community. Ed McClaran and he will develop a task force to address the concern.

PRESENTATION

The ministers presented Nancy Simpson, Vice-President, a certificate of appreciation for her efforts within the church and as Leadership Council chair. The Board joined in extending their appreciation and best wishes to Nancy as she leaves in early July to join her husband, Bob, in Kazakhstan for two years.

ACTION

Ed McClaran presented a proposed charter for the communications committee. After much discussion the proposed charter will be revised and presented at the next meeting for approval.

DISCUSSION

The subject of long range planning and strategy, within the church's structure, was initiated for discussion by Lillian. Marsha observed that the most likely place for the functions to reside were in the Board, as evidenced by the successful strategic elements that were developed at the recent Board sponsored Leadership Retreat. This question will be explored more fully at a future Board meeting along with the role of the current Long Range Planning Committee.

REPORT

A summation of Larry Wheeler's observations about the building expansion project, based on his fourteen years as a risk assessment consultant with the UUA, was presented by Lillian. Larry will share his views with the congregation in a discussion immediately following the June 17th worship service. The importance of that meeting was stressed by several as a starting point in defining the direction for the church in the future and the personal commitment that each of us assumes in the endeavor.

DISCUSSION

Lillian noted a list of hopeful action items as the Board's annual transition, led by the new President, Ed McClaran, unfolds on July 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM. The Board immediately entered into executive session and that ended at 11:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted This 10th Day of June, 2007

Erik W. Landberg, Secretary