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Present

Gwen Childs, President  
Delinda Chapman, Vice-President  
Megan Renner, Treasurer  
Kitty Wrigley, Secretary  
Phillip Anderson  
Doug Liberati  
Kelley Anderson  
Beverly Holmes  
Dianne Roberts-Hill, guest, RE Committee

Not Present

Bill McCall  
Martin Woulfe

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm. Gwen Childs read the inspiration, a poem by Pablo Casals.

The minutes of the Board meeting of July 7, 2009 were approved.

The minister's report was accepted.

Dianne Roberts-Hill, representing the Religious Education (RE) Committee, reported on search for a Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE). The Committee recommended hiring Marla Johnson. The Committee chose not to do a contract. The CRE position will have three Sundays off during the church year. It is understood that the position includes holidays. The position is salaried at a rate of 10 hours per week and requires a log of time worked to be turned into the RE Committee, which acts as supervisor to this position. Annual review is by the congregation. In another matter, it was reported that the Senior Youth will provide a monthly report to the RE Committee. The Board accepted the recommendation to hire Marla Johnson and voted that she be offered the position.

President's Report

Board goals of FY2009 will be discussed at the Board Retreat on September 12, 2009. Goals for the current fiscal year will also be discussed. Marge Shelton is unable to organize the Chalice Circles, so we must find someone else to do it. The Board is waiting for the nominating Committee to recommend a replacement for Megan Renner's board position, as she assumed the Treasurer position. Action is expected at the September 1 meeting. We are still seeking chairs for both the Social Action and Membership Committees.

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#### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reviewed the FY2010 Pledge status report, which is a one-month report. All reports for June will be emailed to Board members as well as members of the Finance Committee.

#### New Business

Our water heater is leaking. Facilities Committee will purchase a new, smaller water heater.

Megan Renner will draft a policy on repairs and purchases for Board consideration at the next meeting. Phillip moved, Delinda seconded, Board approved.

Mike Haynes will be asked to email members of the congregation to attend the Stand Up Against Racism at the City Council meeting (rally outside) on August 5, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Delinda moved, Kelley seconded, Board approved that Kitty send the following letter to the editor be sent to the State Journal-Register immediately:

*The Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation strongly condemns the recent noose incident in Springfield along with the graffiti at the Illinois Black Caucus. It has no place in our community. We are all brothers and sisters. It is our prayer that love not hatred will prevail. Gwen Childs, Board President, Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation.*

*Delinda Chapman recommended that the next Change for Change go to the African Christian Missions. Kelley moved, Doug seconded, Board approved this action. Delinda will notify Cheryl Wycoff via email.*

We will defer a plea for assistance with cleaning until the Board has the opportunity to review current budget figures. Phillip Anderson agreed to make the plea to the Congregation, should that become necessary.

#### Old Business

Emergency Procedures is deferred to the next meeting.

#### Future Business

Board will review Frank Kopecky's recommendations on a policy regarding controversial issues at the September meeting.

Megan will look into budget trends for discussion at the September board meeting.

Kelley Anderson will provide the inspiration at the next meeting.

Board adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kitty Wrigley