

Present: Gwen Childs, Linda Haynes, Delinda Chapman, Kitty Wrigley, Megan Renner, Doug Liberati, Bill McCall

Absent: Beverly Holmes, Phillip Anderson, Kelly Anderson, Martin Woulfe

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM.

Delinda Chapman read the inspiration from Mark Nepo, *Book of Awakening*. Bill McCall will read the inspiration for the February 2010 meeting.

Megan Renner will work with Rob Ewart to get an updated copy of the bylaws.

Delinda Chapman moved that the minutes of December 9, 2009 be approved as amended. Doug Liberati seconded. All approved the minutes as amended.

It was noted that the Board had selected the Central Illinois Food Bank as the recipient of the January Change for Change but this was instead donated to Contact Ministries. This error will be corrected by giving the Central Illinois Food Bank the Change for Change in February. Change for Change for March will be the Springfield Overflow Shelter. Gwen Childs will so notify Cheryl Wycoff and Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant. Megan Renner moved, Kitty Wrigley seconded and all approved this correction to the Change for Change recipient.

The Minister's report was noted. No action.

Megan Renner provided the Treasurer's report and noted that cleaning fund contributions continue to trickle in. Megan will mention the need in the Newsletter and will send the same note for the Order of Service, via Cheryl. Megan is working to improve the process, with the use of technology, to extract financial transaction details, presently called the Committee Reports, to provide to the Board and to Committees.

There was no Committee news. In future minutes, Kitty Wrigley will list Committees in a table and note whether a report was received and include any pertinent notes. Delinda Chapman will provide this information.

Gwen Childs reviewed Board goals.

*Hire salaried membership coordinator*

Beverly Holmes, Linda Haynes and Martin Woulfe are acting as an ad hoc membership committee. The plan is to hold a membership summit meeting in the spring and create a toolkit on membership. Megan Renner has drafted a job description, which she will email to the Board. Bill McCall will forward this to Frank Kopecky. The Grant Application to the Central Midwest District Chalice Lighters is due February 15. A

suggestion on salary is needed from Finance and Personnel Committees. Bill McCall will arrange a joint meeting.

*Improve curb appeal.*

Approved planting of prairie at the last Board meeting. Bill McCall suggested the use of solar lights at each entrance. Board discussed this and the need for landscaping lights and a lighted sign. At minimum, reflectors at the entrances would be helpful. Gwen Childs will mention this to Kurt DeWeese.

*Promote Standing on the Side of Love.*

Have held one major activity, the rally held at the Laramie Project, where petitions were collected and sent to the UUA. We now have the SSL logo on our website. Linda Haynes will check the UUA website for information on buttons. Megan will send photos that she took of the rally to UUA and it was suggested that Martin might have better photos. Kitty Wrigley will check the Program schedule for February 14 for a tie-in to this topic.

*Encourage & support small group ministry.*

Diana DeWeese is organizing circle dinners for February. Gwen Childs is working on Chalice Circles; Gwen and Pam Daniels are doing an Artists Way class.

*Hold 3 major fund raisers.*

The Fantasy Auction is scheduled for March 13, 2010. Pledge Drive will kick off on March 21. Ideas for fundraisers are welcome and a dinner with music by Bonnie is under consideration.

For the Fantasy Auction, Delinda Chapman and Linda Haynes will help with the organization. Megan Renner will work on improving the logistics of paying and logging items. It was noted that there is special software for this, usually advertised in the UU World, that is ideal. Renata Buchloh will be invited to once again solicit local businesses for contributions. A kick off meeting is planned after church on January 10. Gwen Childs will send an email about the kickoff meeting on January 10.

Kitty Wrigley distributed the list of members whose continued membership is unclear. Various board members agreed to call people to express that they are missed and to clarify their wish to continue as members. Kitty will create a half sheet paper poll to be

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taken on January 17. The paper will be inserted in the order of service and a box or basket provided for members to drop off these papers. These will be counted in order to provide an answer to the poll on the UUA certification of membership online form.

Megan Renner will consider and make recommendations concerning ways to streamline the Treasurer's role and the time needed to complete Treasurer responsibilities.

Bill McCall will review and make recommendations for our policy on staff evaluations.

Next meeting is February 2, 2010.

Kitty moved to adjourn. Doug Liberati seconded and all approved.

Submitted by Kitty Wrigley