

## ALUUC BOARD MEETING

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Present: Doug Liberati, Victoria Vincent, Phillip Anderson, Cathy Talano, Martin Woulfe, Roger Powers, Susan Solon, Kurt DeWeese, Carol Bailey.

Inspiration by Cathy Talano. She read from "The Liberal Way" by Adlai Stevenson and from the 1990 UU World an article by William Schultz.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR: Susan Solon. Eleven people signed the Membership Book in March. Letters to visitors were sent by e-mail where possible. Two New to UU gatherings were held in March. The Fellowship Committee is a "bedrock of welcoming". That committee is doing a lot of work inside and outside the church. Megan Renner is making a visit to form a new Round Table to compare original plans with what has happened. The attendance of the senior youth was somehow not taken, so the numbers of attendance are not accurate. Other than the senior youth, the RE attendance taken by the teachers is working. The Pre-K class made ornaments as gifts for the new members. Susan said she made up as many New Member Packets as she could until the supply of 2010 Directories ran out. Martin said new Directories are being planned.

MINISTERS REPORT: Martin Woulfe. Martin said he did pastoral care here and in Urbana. Conducted one wedding and one memorial service in March. Fifteen people attended the Labyrinth walk with nine having communion afterwards. Julio Barrenzuela will lead a salsa and Spanish Club meeting. New name tags are now available. Martin is hosting a Circle Dinner with Jackie Jackson. The congregation is becoming active with Chalice Lighters. Lynnda White, the intern, will be present at the next church pot-luck. Martin said costs for conferences come out of his Professional Expenses account. Bonnie Ettinger's next CD is not yet available, but will be for sale at the General Assembly. Because ALUUC held a fund raiser for the Phoenix Center, they will give us a free table (booth) at the Gay Pride Festival to be held down town May 22<sup>nd</sup>. On June 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Unions will be legal in Illinois. Lynnda White is to be involved in training meetings for those who want to be involved in different areas of the church rituals. Examples could be rites of passage, teaching, or preaching, etc. We need to send a Learning Service agreement to Lynnda to indicate what will be areas of focus during her internship. There may need to be contact by Lynnda with the Committee on Ministry or RE Committee members. These might be good groups to start with. These groups need to be assembled by July 1<sup>st</sup> in order to write a Learning Service Agreement. Also, a lay advisory committee should be created to oversee Lynnda's internship. Martin asked Kurt to write a list of who he would like for this committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Victoria Vincent. January's report was sent and February's will be available soon. Kurt asked what is the Grant Fund amount for the Membership Coordinator? \$4,800. of the Grant will be used this year. The rest of the Grant is for next year. We hope to be able to pay for the

third year ourselves. Phillip said the Grant for the Prairie Garden is not here yet, but should be \$400 - \$900. Victoria said the offering money is coming in just fine. A new accountant will be a big help for the future. Kurt said we need to settle the issue of who will be the treasurer next year. Victoria said her mother and step-father are in ill health and she will not be available. Who has the ability to follow up on account responsibilities? Megan Renner tried to set up the Treasurer's responsibilities so there would be less bookkeeping necessary. But the process didn't work, said Victoria. How do we move the jobs involved to a paid position? Could Nancy Krause the bookkeeper do it? Are there other churches in the area who have been able to deal with these problems any differently? Victoria has asked around and no one has another method that they use. When the Congregation is big enough to pay for it, an account administrator should be hired. Nancy Krause gave a quote of \$40,000 a year for doing the job. Victoria will try to get everything up and running. It would be good if an accountant trained member could volunteer or be paid to do the job of Treasurer. Victoria said she would be willing to train someone. The Budget Committee meeting will be next Sunday after church (April 10). At that time they will decide how to hire help. Cheryl Wycoff has been recording the revenue side of the work, which is very helpful. Kurt asked what responsibilities the treasurer should be expected to do? Victoria said they should hold meetings, set controls on payments, and write checks. There needs to be some policy oversight by the Board. The treasurer would be responsible for having the collection taken to the bank, counting the collection, being aware of the money for special events, do the follow-up on paperwork for events. Kurt said next month there should be a decision on the treasurer position or a committee recommendation relative to the treasurer. Victoria said the Stewardship campaign has received pledges for \$157,000. She said there were amazing increases where they were not expected. Victoria said the process worked beautifully. Kurt said there was a request by Amy Kluge to be named the head of Fundraising. Kurt said the need for fundraising will be based on the results of the pledges.. The Board will want to eliminate fundraising efforts where possible. The church may need to look for professional leaders and staffing for fundraisers. Victoria said the Fantasy Auction accounting could have been better organized. Goals for the results of the Auction should have been set. Victoria said she will organize the Trash and Treasures sale. There may be features like the Auction. There may be other methods used for raising money. People who run the Auction and the Trash and Treasures should have had more experience before running the effort. Victoria said a fundraising committee should include people who have had past experiences for better results. The Auction needs better follow up of sales and items to be sold. Kurt said higher priced items were not available to be bought at the Auction. This effort had not been overlooked. The Auction should offer an interesting "buy on experiences" which members in the past had offered. (Examples would be dinners, entertainment, or trips.) Maybe there should be an events specific task force. There need to be principles of events, organizing. Maybe there should be "overseers" for events. Martin said there had been "scrip" sales for stores no longer available and will probably not continue because Kurt said people who have ideas of fundraising need to be approved by the Board. The Board should be able to decide if the effort would be profitable.

FINANCE DOMMITTEE; Kurt DeWeese. The Finance Committee meeting will be after church April 10<sup>th</sup>.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE; Kurt DeWeese. Pat Goller and Randy Pratt will be out of town this Sunday, they need help during those situations.

ADULT RE; Martin Woulfe. There will be a showing of Comedians in Cinema. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt by volunteers. The congregation directory will soon be available. The Central Midwest Conference will have ALUUC representatives of Diana DeWeese, Carol Floyd, Susan Solon, Martin Woulfe and any other member who would like to go. The Annual General Assembly in North Carolina will have the DeWeeses representing ALUUC. The General Conference will be considering the consolidation of church districts. It is up to ALUUC to give voting orders to representatives. The issues to be considered can be found in the UU World Magazine and on the web. The Immediate Witness and Responsive Resolutions Committee may have controversial issues considered. Examples in the past have included resolutions pitting supporters of Israel and Palestine, or if the Annual General Assembly should be held in Phoenix, AZ.

NEXT MEETING; The next meeting will have to settle the budget, the annual congregational meeting agenda, a possible change of by-laws, also the election of officers for next year. The Annual Meeting requires a 15 day notice be sent to members. A date of June 5 has been chosen for the Annual Meeting. The notice will be sent by May 6<sup>th</sup>. The notice of the meeting deadline is May 19. The next Board meeting will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Inspiration will be presented by Doug Liberati.

Victoria moved that the meeting be adjourned, Doug seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Bailey.