

## **Board Meeting of the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**

September 6, 2011

Approved

Present: Kurt DeWeese, Phillip Anderson, Martin Woulfe, David Brunson, Lynnda White, Carol Bailey, George Metcalf, Carol Floyd, Brian Reynolds, Michael Plog, Kathy Barnes Schultz.

MINUTES: Add Agenda to the Retreat notes. The August 3<sup>rd</sup> notes were approved after corrections. The August Board Meeting Notes will be approved after they are amended. Brian made the motion that these arrangements be approved, Chelsea seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

TREASURERS REPORT: The copier was paid for. There were questions about the record keeping of the donations that were made for the Supplement Hymnals. The typical summer pattern of giving has been followed by a more normal pattern.

COMMITTEES: The Finance Committee is now Chaired by Roger Powers, Co-chaired by Barbara Moore, and also includes Mark Hanson.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Martin has committed his preaching schedule through Christmas. There are many weddings and union services which are being planned. There were three people who became new members in August. There are now 213 members. There are several people who need to be contacted to check on continued membership. Four people have become "friends". A group from the church went to UIS with literature about us. This will also happen at LLCC. Martin has agreed to act as a chaplain to members of the National Guard who desire that service. He will also be on the advisory board for the Illinois Collation for Community Services. ALUUC will have a special 9/11 service. Peggy Patty has applied to be a wedding officiant. Lynnda White, as a part of her Congregational Studies, will be at ALUUC. She has completed 10 weeks as a chaplain in Bloomington/Normal. In October she will be interviewed which is part of the process to attain Candidate Status.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR: In August there were 6 new members including adults and youth; three of them were Youth members. Susan has made eye catching folders with information and calendars of ALUUC, which were made on the new copier. There will be a gathering of a viewing of a movie "Not In Our Town" at the City Hall from 7 to 9PM Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be two more New to UU gatherings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Carol Floyd said Craig Bailey will report to the Program Committee regarding the choir "Work Group". That Work Group is functioning on e-mail.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: There was a letter proposed by Posy Flatt to be sent to the NAACP and the Abraham Lincoln Association. She wishes these two groups would not meet separately. These groups have different goals for their groups and for the money these two meetings raise. The Board moved to set aside a decision on what action the Board would take regarding this letter.

FLOWER DONATIONS: Vi Lanum is aware that the Board is concerned about the payment from those who wish to have flowers on Sunday. Reminders have gone out to those who have yet to pay for flowers. Some of the people who received reminders felt “hounded” for payments. Kurt suggested that the flowers should be a “pay as you go” procedure. The flowers should be paid for on the date of the requested date or before that date. Those who wish to, may still donate flowers from their gardens, or buy them from another store. Michael moved that we have a “pay as you go” system for the flowers to be displayed on Sunday. Kathy seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Martin asked if the Board would approve Lynnnda White to be approved as an officiant for Unions or Rites of Passage. Kurt would like a list of which ceremonies Lynnnda could perform. Martin said he would send Kurt that information. This will be part of the agenda at the next Board meeting.

MINISTER’S NEW BUSINESS: Kurt would like the Board to consider the Policy on Disruptive Behavior as well as updating the Lay Officiant Manual for the next Board meeting.

David Brunson moved that the meeting be adjourned, George seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next Board Meeting will be October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Bailey, Board Secretary