

Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Board Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2008 – Approved

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Present

Mike Haynes, President
Gwen Childs, Vice-President
Carol Floyd, Secretary
Carley Mattimore
Delinda Chapman
Ceceilia Haasis
Mark Hanson
Martin Woulfe, Minister

Not Present

Ken Wade
Henry Farrington
Bill McCall

Guest

Meg Schnake, CRE

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm

Martin Woulfe read an inspirational item from a book of chalice lighters and affirmations

Mark Hanson provided snacks.

Possible Youth Conference Hosting: CRE Meg Schnake presented the rationale for Senior Youth making a bid to hold a Youth Conference at ALUUC in Fall 2008; the event hosted here two years ago was very successful. The official proposal is made in mid June; this year there may be competition by a number of churches to host the conference. It provides good leadership opportunities for our Senior Youth and the income/expenses ratio can be very favorable assuming prudent financial decisions. The likely title would be ChakraCon and one of its emphases would be Social Action. It was moved, seconded and approved that the Board support the Senior Youth group to host the Fall 2008 CMwD Youth Conference on October 17-18.

The Minutes for the February 5, 2008 meeting were approved.

Minister's Report: Martin Woulfe's written report summarized his activities since the last Board meeting and planned activities for the next month.

President's Report: Mike Haynes said that he earlier thought that he would be willing to accept a term next year as an at-large board member but that his work responsibilities no longer make that feasible. He intends to continue helping out in a variety of ways.

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Treasurer resignation: Ken Wade has tendered his resignation as Treasurer for personal reasons. He has graciously offered to work closely with the transition to a new treasurer. The Board regretfully accepts his resignation and thanks him for his service and especially his stepping in at a crucial time.

Treasurer appointment: It was moved, seconded and approved to appoint Victoria Vincent to the remainder of the annual term of the treasurer – March 12 thru June 30, 2008. Victoria is both a past ALUUC treasurer and past president; she has continued to work on a number of ALUUC financial issues during the last 2 and a half years.

Church pledges – status: The status report thru the end of February was reviewed. It was noted that the February report was significantly different than the January report. In January a one time gift was erroneously recorded for pledges and has since been moved to donations.

Social Action – Change for Change: It was moved, seconded, and approved that effective March 1, 2008, 100% percent of a Change for Change collection will go for the specific purpose designated by the Social Action Committee and identified to the congregation prior to taking the collection.

Audit Report: Mike Haynes summarized in some detail the audit report and suggestions made by an Audit Committee consisting of Victoria Vincent (chair), Delinda Chapman, and Kent Childs. Suggestions relate to security, financial record keeping for Social Action, alignment of financial accounts, providing the financial base for repair and maintenance to a 12 year old building, increased board member familiarity with bylaws and policy manuals, and endowment/gift accounting. Even more specifics are contained in working papers. Some desired changes have already been accomplished.

Building Use: It was agreed that Gayle Keiser is permitted to use the building for professional writing during the day for the next few months to finish a professional writing assignment. She will be using her own equipment and not otherwise making use of ALUUC resources.

Budget Item: A motion was made, seconded and approved for a half page ad in the program for the PORA Annual Meeting.

“Fantasy Auction” alternate: Plans are being carried out for an April 5 Cash in Our Attics Art and Antiques Auction

April 20 was confirmed as Pledge Sunday

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Martin passed out information about the CMwD meeting to be held in the St. Louis area April 25-27.

The next board meeting will be held Tuesday April 1. Bill McCall will provide an inspirational reading. Ceceilia Haasis will provide snacks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.