

**Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Board Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2007, 7:00 p.m. Congregation Building**

Present

Mike Haynes, President
Gwen Childs, Vice-President
Ken Wade, Treasurer
Delinda Chapman, Acting Secretary
Martin Woulfe, Minister
Henry Farrington
Ceceilia Haasis
Bill McCall
Carley Mattimore

Absent

Carol Floyd, Secretary

Guest

Kurt DeWeese

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Check-in took place.

Henry Farrington read an Indian 10 Commandments piece.

Snacks were provided by Gwen Childs.

Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes was moved by Henry Farrington and seconded by Bill McCall. The motion to accept the minutes was passed unanimously.

Minister's Report

Martin announced the new members: Virginia Forrer and Stuart Jacobson, and Missy and Eric Thibodeaux Thompson. Two funerals were performed. Buffy Lael completed her first step to be a wedding officiant by meeting with Martin. Martin is going to the ADM stockholders meeting to speak. The finances needed for an intern are \$14,000 for a 10 month experience plus housing. PORA's dinner and auction will be held March 29, 2008, but not at ALUUC.

The Fund Restructuring Resolution was presented to the Board by Kurt DeWeese representing the Finance Committee. (See handout.) The resolution is for managing gifts that are not dedicated gifts. It was suggested that a clause was needed that allows the transfer of monies among the endowment, budget reserve and special projects funds as proposed. (See handout.) Ken Wade moved and Ceceilia Haasis seconded the Resolution be amended to include this clause. The amendment passed. Gwen Childs

moved and Ken Wade seconded to approve the resolution as amended. The motion passed.

Kurt reported that the Woodside Township Road Commission will give and install four directional signs on the roads to ALUUC. ALUUC need only pay for the lettering on the signs.

Kurt also reported that the sound system for the hearing impaired will be coming at the cost of about \$1000 from a designated gift.

Kurt also presented the motion that will be presented to the congregation at the congregational meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2007. It was moved by Gwen Childs and seconded by Bill McCall to endorse the motion as presented by Kurt. The motion passed.

President's Report

Mike reported that \$5500 was received from Mark Giesecke, \$5,000 for the piano fund and \$500 for landscaping. Bob Kaige gave \$1000 in honor of his mother, Alice Kaige.

Treasurer's Report

Ken reported that \$2300 was spent for striping the parking lot. Ken developed a time sheet for employees. The employees like it. The funds remaining from the Giesecke donation, \$2381, is all designated for landscaping. The additional \$500 coming from Mark Giesecke will be used for a marker in the memorial garden to say "Giesecke Grove." Ken reported on the pledge update through October 2007 (four months). We are at 29.5% of pledges received.

Committee Reports

Gwen prepared a "wish list" for UU needs/wants. (See handout.) The blue amounts are cost speculations.

The Social Action Committee is organizing a dinner to be taken to Sojourn Center to help at this time of need as they are without a kitchen. Carley is planning to get the Social Action Committee together to encourage a chair to emerge.

The Nomination Committee nominated Eric Thibodeaux-Thompson to serve on the Committee on Ministry. Henry Farrington moved and Ken Wade seconded that the board approve Eric's appointment to the Committee on Ministry. The motion carried.

Scott Wade tendered his resignation as a member of the ALUUC Board of Directors. Delinda Chapman moved and Carley Mattimore seconded to accept Scott Wade's resignation from the Board. The motion carried with regret.

It was moved by Henry Farrington and seconded by Ken Wade to appoint Victoria Vincent as chair and Delinda Chapman and Kent Childs as members of the audit committee. The motion carried.

A suggestion box was requested. The board agreed that it is a good idea and that the suggestions will come to the board with screening done first by the minister who will keep the key.

New Business

Delinda Chapman requested the board help a Springfield ecumenical women's group provide sponsorship/support for bringing Jan Phillips, author of The Art of Leading, to Springfield for a two day retreat in the spring of 2008. The board approved such an endeavor.

It was moved by Delinda Chapman and seconded by Henry Farrington to approve that Buffy Lael be trained by Martin Woulfe and designated as a wedding officiant in training. The motion carried.

Old Business

Henry Farrington reported back on his investigation of the cost of a Bullock garage, 24 x 24. The cost: about \$8500.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 4, 2007. Carley will provide snacks. Ken will do the reading.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.