

Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
Board Meeting – October 9, 2007  
Approved Minutes

Present

Mike Haynes, President  
Gwen Childs, Vice-President  
Ken Wade, Treasurer  
Carol Floyd, Secretary  
Martin Woulfe, Minister  
Delinda Chapman  
Henry Farrington  
Bill McCall  
Scott Wade

Absent

Ceceilia Haasis  
Carley Mattimore

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Henry Farrington read an inspirational reading.

Bill McCall provided snacks.

The Minutes for the September 4, 2007 Meeting were approved. The summary of a supplemental Board discussion on September 27, 2007 was also OK'd.

President's Report: Mike Haynes noted the success of the Trash and Treasures sale.

Minister's Report: Martin's report summarized a lengthy written report of his activities since the last Board meeting and planned activities for the next month. Highlights include arrangements for memorial services for Alice Kaige; and his discussing the wedding officiant policy with two interested individuals;

Recruitment of committee chairs and members: At the September 23 Committee Fair, Renata Buchloh agreed to be Membership and Publicity Chair. Additional members have also been recruited for Social Action but a chair still needs to be found.

Committee summaries were provided for the Finance Committee and Aesthetics Committee. Henry Farrington reported on Finance Committee discussions on subdividing the management of various fund categories not immediately used for operating purposes (Kurt proposing), a gravel extension of the parking lot (Kurt was pricing it), and obtaining hearing-assist-instruments which will be supported by a special gift already received.

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Gwen Childs reported on various requests the Aesthetics Committee would be sorting through—there was a need to more systematically collect information and then prioritize it

Detailed planning for playground. Now that fundraising for the playground is underway, Gwen Childs noted the need for those most directly involved to begin more detailed planning: alternatives for specific pieces of equipment, costs, where they might sit. This would include: various sources of information, planning strategies, secondary markets, and division of labor. Gwen and Kent had completed the extent of what they were in a position to do.

Discussion of a Committee on Ministry appointment was postponed to the next Board meeting

Treasurer's Report: Ken Wade reviewed the information in a first quarter report on pledges and other income that is now being generated by the Office Manager using EXCEL. Reminders will be sent to pledgers at the end of 6 months of this fiscal year confirming payments to date and the amount remaining on the pledge.

A UIS student group requested permission to hold a pancake breakfast the revenue from which would help support an international trip for educational purposes that also has social action implications. It was moved, second, and approved to permit the UIS student group to hold the breakfast.

The Board discussed how it might update and enhance strategic planning. The February 2005 strategic planning report (which updated a 1999 strategic plan) was distributed by Henry Farrington.. Delinda Chapman led discussion to identify some possible themes. A listing separate from these minutes was compiled listing these themes as one starting point for discussion at a Board retreat which will be scheduled. Delinda Chapman was given the assignment of finding a retreat date and possibly a location for the retreat. The retreat will probably be held at the congregational building assuming space is available when needed.

The brainstorming included a variety of facilities issues which are not new and are relatively compelling to address in the near future. These include a lawn mower, storage of church records, storage of equipment, and improved internet provider

A variety of tasks were assigned:

Efficiencies of storage: Gwen Childs

Estimate on new and larger storage: Henry Farrington

Internet provider improvement: Scott Wade

New Mower: Scott Wade

Internship options: Martin Woulfe

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The next board meeting will be held November 6<sup>th</sup>. Ken Wade will provide an inspirational reading. Gwen Childs will provide snacks. In the absence of Carol Floyd, Delinda Chapman will take the minutes of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.