



Wildflower Church: A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Thursday, October 11, 2007
Wildflower Administrative Office, 1714 Fortview

Members Present: Jan Austin, Sara Barker, Gary Barnhart, Rev. Eliza Galaher, Jeff Hampton, Carol Knight, Richard Pruitt

Other Attendees: Kathy Murphy, Tom Moran

Not present: Steve Brooks, Gay Phillips, Nancy York, Penny Burnette, DRE

GATHERING

Carol called the meeting to order at 7pm. The group went through check in. Jeff lit the chalice and Eliza provided a reading. Carol appointed Gary Barnhart to be timekeeper for the meeting.

Congregational concerns via Richard: 1) Newsletters mailed to people, Jan to follow up with the concerned person. 2) Be more proactive about contacting the media.

Approval of minutes: Jan moved to approve the minutes for the September 6 and 13 meetings as edited, Gary seconded, motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Religious Education: Penny provided a written report (attached). Need to address age of childcare providers with Penny at the next Board meeting.

Minister's report: Eliza provided a written report (attached).

Treasurer's report: Jan will send this out by email.

Committee Council (Jeff): Next meeting 10/18, volunteer fair 11/4.

Ministerial Relations Committee report: Kathy Murphy provided a written report (attached).

Stewardship Campaign report (Jeff): Currently more than \$111,000. Still have 30 pledging units outstanding, following up with individual phone calls.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed congregational statement of conscience on global warming: Tom Moran answered questions. Jeff moved to adopt the statement, Gary seconded. The vote to endorse the statement as amended was unanimous.

Sudden drop in committee leadership: Chairs needed for endowment, stewardship, hospitality, finance, communication (Gay Phillips has said she will chair communications July 2008). The Board will have a table at the volunteer fair. Gay and Richard will handle this. Jan pointed that out the key

to a successful committee is one in which committee members' roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and that works together (for example, Worship Committee, everyone works).

Start-up weekend follow-up and vision/mission, covenant and long-range plan: Have Susan Smith back to lead us and to work with vision/mission, possibly January 12 or 19 if she's available. Sara sent request with start-up weekend notes.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed bylaws revisions

Article III Board, Section 1 (clarifies minister and president's roles as non-voting, *ex officio* members of various committees): Sara moved to endorse as changed, Jan seconded, motion was approved unanimously. (In the future, consider the minister as a voting member, more as an equity member of the Board.)

Article III Board, Section 7 (clarifies budget as congregation's budget, not board's): Jan moved to endorse, Gary seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Article VI Membership, Section 2 (deleting 90-day waiting period, insert attending Connections class): Jan moved to endorse, Jeff seconded. Amended proposed revision by deleting the 3-session Connections class and adding "attendance at a new member orientation." Amended motion passed unanimously.

Article VII Semi-Annual meetings, Section 1 (clarifies board's role regarding budget): Jan moved to endorse, Jeff seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Article VII Semi-Annual meetings, Section 4 (changing quorum from 20 percent of the voting members to 50 percent): Jan moved to endorse, Richard seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Article VIII Committees, Section 1:

- Finance: Gary moved to endorse if we haven't already done so, Jan seconded, motion passed unanimously. Need to check old records.
- Standing Committees: Jan moved to endorse the proposed bylaws changing the Ministerial Relations Committee to the Committee on Ministry, Sara seconded. The vote to endorse the bylaws change as edited was unanimous.
- LRP Jan moved to endorse the suggested revisions to the LRP, Jeff seconded. Gary added a friendly amendment and Jan accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

Article VIII Committees, Section 5: Jan moved to endorse clarification of the committees on which the minister and president can serve as non-voting, *ex officio* members, Sara seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Article IX Minister, Section 3: Jan moved to endorse deletion of Section 3 on Ministerial Relations Committee, Gary seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Article IX Minister, Section 5: Jan moved to endorse changing the quorum from the greater of 30 percent of the membership or 40 members to 70 percent, Jeff seconded. Changed definition of quorum to call a minister or to dismiss a called minister. Jeff offered a friendly amendment to change it to 60 percent, motion passed unanimously.

Other

Recommendation for change to Policies and procedures for Committee on Ministry: Jan moved to approve the proposed policies and procedures pending approval of the adoption of the bylaws revision by the congregation, Richard seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Election of 2008 Nominating committee: Need to read bylaws and discuss at November meeting.

Agenda for December 2 Congregational meeting and Q & A meetings:

- For December 2, Carol responsible for overall organization, Sara food, Gary & Richard room set-up. Carol will coordinate presentation and projects with Gary Lich.
- Groups with bylaws changes need to be at the Q&A meetings. Executive Committee will set dates.

SASAC schedule and priorities: Need to have committees not meet at SASAC. New lease charges by rooms used. Need to inform committee chairs, also need to put in newsletter so everybody knows about it. Clarify that the change is due to rise in costs, not budget constraints. Carol will draft for November newsletter.

Topics for November meeting:

- Age of childcare providers
- Consider using the Nominating Committee to help get committees chairs
- For Nominating Committee and other position, need willingness to serve and skills for the position.

GOING FORTH

Next Executive meeting will be Thursday November 1 at 7pm at the Administrative Office.

Next Board meeting will be Thursday November 8 at 7pm at the Administrative Office.

The group checked out and the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by:

Sara Barker, Secretary

Carol Knight, President