

Unitarian Universalist Church of St. Petersburg
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
November 14, 2012

Present

Board Members: Greg Burton, President, Karen Coale, Eric Mitchell, Margie Manning,
Jack Reed, Dani Skrzypek, Ian O'Hara, Katy Korb, ex-officio

Clerk to the Board: Ginny Oppenheimer

Visitors: Laurie Clement, Don MacNary, Nick Wheeler

1. Greg Burton opened the meeting at 7:05.
2. The agenda was approved with the addition of a report on Buildings and Grounds
3. As an opening reading, Reverend Korb read the Griswold-Williams Covenant, and then led us in reciting our Covenant.
4. The minutes of October 10 were accepted
5. Karen moved and Jack seconded a motion to streamline the distribution of the Minutes to the congregation. The Board will receive a draft of the minutes electronically, and then, after reviewing them, accept or amend them electronically, after which they will be published on the Infonet.
6. Open Items were not reviewed and should be reviewed at the next Board meeting. These items were:
 - a) Did Greg speak to the major handbell fund donors to explain the reasons for sweeping the balance of \$115 into the general fund.
 - b) Did Jack and Dave Coale report to the Board on the feasibility of adopting Provincetown's "friend" status.
7. Margie submitted a list of goals for the Board and the minister, as developed in the Board Retreat, led by Ken Hurto.
 - a) The long-term goals for the church are
 - Healing and trust building
 - Growth, future planning, and search for a permanent minister
 - Integrating new and old members into the church and restoring joy to church life.
 - b) Goals for Katy are
 - Vision for the church
 - Ensure correct staffing is in place
 - Governance
 - Getting to know the congregation
 - Promote an understanding of Unitarian Universalism

- c) Goals for the Board are
- Deepen the meaning of membership
 - Clarify what roles belong to the various ministries and groups
 - Foster better communication about the changes occurring
- 8.** Treasurer's Report: Margie reported that the bank could not supply complete up-to-date data because of disruptions due to Hurricane Sandy, but that based on current information, our bank balance was too low. Therefore she transferred \$15,000 from draw on the Receivable from the Endowment to the Operating fund.
- 9.** It was suggested that the pledge drive for next year be conducted through a "Miracle Weekend," kicked off by a fund-raising dinner Friday evening when pledge cards will be handed out. The congregation will be encouraged to fill them out at that time, and if not, to get them in by the end of the weekend.
- 10.** The airconditioning study is behind as the Company doing the study needs additional data, plus a letter of authorization
- 11.** Dani announce the the Soulmate sock fund raiser to help raise money for the victims of Hurricane Sandy raised \$537.05. Donations were also received through Sunday Offerings.
- 12.** Minister's Report:
- a) Classes on Unitarian Universalism were very well received. The first was attended by 10 people, the second by 6.
 - b) The Meet and Greet was also very successful
 - c) The way we have to heal is through one person talking to another, to clarify and nullify issues of dissention.
- 13.** Katie, Margie and Karen will run a leadership development session sometime in January
- 14.** The Adult Education Committee Charter submitted by Rick Melchionno and Victor Beaumont was reviewed. The Board decided that proposed courses would be reviewed on a quarterly basis. Karen will discuss this will Rick.
- 15.** Dave Coale submitted the Congregational Life Report. The committee principally greets and welcomes visitors—hence prospective members—on Sundays. It is not large enough to handle integration and retention of new members, so that important function is currently not carried out. Our membership remains at 117.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Open Items:

1. The board will discuss having meetings with the congregation about the Mission Statement and the Covenant.
2. The Board will continue to plan for a new sound system
3. Greg will talk to the donors of the Handbell fund to explain why it was closed
4. Jack and Dave Coale will report to the Board on the feasibility of adopting Provincetown's "friend" status.

Action Items:

1. The Board will give a letter of authorization for the \$3000 for the study on Heating and Airconditioning needs, and provide all necessary data.
2. Karen will make a list of the responsibilities of Committee Chairs
3. Karen will discuss revisions to the Adult Education Committee Charter with Rick Melchionno.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Oppenheimer, Clerk to the Board