

Minutes: CVUU Board Meeting
March 18, 2009
CVUU Sanctuary, 596 East 900 North, Logan

Board Members present: Jay Black, Suzanne Marychild, Bruce Pendery, Ellen Klomps, Susie Flann, George Wootton, and Anne Hedrich. Others present: Beth Walden, Eva Mayfield, and Holly and Kristen Olson.

The February board minutes were approved by unanimous acclamation of the board.

The next board meeting will be April 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Building Use:

We discussed a number of options for increasing building use and thus revenues. Potential uses where interest has been expressed include a pre-school, use for weddings, use for summer programs for children, and a food co-op drop-off. The board expressed interest in pursuing all of these options and they are being investigated. But we will also have to resolve issues like insurance coverage and ensuring that our services are not disrupted

Specific areas of potential use are:

- Holly Olson and Kristen Olson: use of building for intercultural preschool. 20-25 kids. They would probably pay \$ 400.00 to \$ 600.00 per month. They would use the building Monday through Friday in two sessions per day (9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00). Use would likely begin in late August or September.
- Eva Mayfield: Use for weddings. Eva has drafted flyer she would like to distribute. The rate would be approximately \$500.00 per wedding.
- Melanie Peckham (use described by George): Melanie is a behaviorist whom George admires greatly. She would like to use the building for a summer program for children with behavioral problems, autism. She would like to use it 9:00 to 3:00 Monday through Friday this summer. There would be about 6 to 7 children.
- Beth reported a food co-op may be formed. Beth would like to investigate using CVUU as the food drop-off spot. She will form a CVUU committee to investigate the details.
- In a memo Jay handed out Lorien also expressed some views on building use. She suggested focusing on regular building use through groups like the Buddhists, the gay alliance, Quakers, and the Jewish community perhaps announcing the building availability at the Ibis and the College of Natural Resources.

Nominations Committee/Board Candidates:

We discussed nominations for board replacements that will need to be made this June. The nominations committee is active and has had several people express interest in serving on the board, including one who is willing to serve as president.

Reports:

We received reports from a number of activities and committees including Beth's activities as our lay leader, social justice, worship, buildings and grounds, and finance (treasurer). All of these programs seem to be active and thriving at this time and there do not appear to be any major problems, although as always all could use more volunteers and more money. Specifics of reports include:

- Beth's report is attached. In addition she is working on a community garden workday with Cache Community Connections that would be at the Catholic Church.
- George reported that the social justice committed and efforts have become really energized, and he is energized. George reported on several things that are being done including PeaceWorks, a dinner that Kate Stephens is working on, support for the Shoshone tribe that Jenny is working on, the Day of Silence being worked on by Emily Shor and T-shirts that Ellen is working on.
- Ellen reported that the worship committee is doing a good job but only 3 people are really active actually planning services; that said, they have had a lot of participation in the brainstorming sessions following services. Most services are in place for March through April.
- Suzanne reported our financial condition at this time appears to be healthy; we are paying all of our bills and actually accumulating some excess. We appear to be on target to meet our 2008-2009 budget. Suzanne presented a treasurer's report that indicated we currently are taking in \$4,952.00 per month and our monthly expenses are \$4227.00. Jay presented a similar report that projected our year-end budget would total \$55,833.40 in expenses with a total income of \$61,156.13.
- Anne presented a DRE job description revision that is proposed. That is attached. **Board input to this is due by April 1.**

Pledge Drive:

We discussed the need to initiate our pledge drive. We decided that because our finances appear to be relatively (that qualifier always has to be used) strong at this time and due to the dire economic times we will not ask existing pledgers and donors to increase their pledge this year but to **please** at least maintain their pledging level. But we will approach new members and frequent friends and ask them to consider beginning to pledge. It will be our goal to increase pledging to \$60,000.00 this year, which we believe can be accomplished if all of us maintain our pledge level and new members and friends begin to pledge at reasonable levels. We established an initial pledge committee that will be comprised of Jay, Suzanne, Bruce and Nick Flann. It is estimated we will now have 62 members after new members join in the next two weeks.

Jim Scott:

We discussed the possibility of Jim Scott coming to CVUU to give a concert this spring. He is a widely admired musician who has given many concerts for UUs around the country and he will be here as part of the General Assembly in Salt Lake City. He has appeared with the Paul Winter Consort. The board approved pursuing this and paying him up to \$ 400.00 (we will likely break even at a minimum and may well make money).

Internet:

We decided not to cancel internet service at this time but will revisit this if budgets dictate.

Google List Serve Use:

We discussed the use of the Google list serve and the newsletter for personal announcements especially advertising that relates to activities related to personal economic gain. We decided that use of the list serve for any of this sort of thing will have to be subject to case-by-case decision making, which the board will make. We will seek to establish a “classifieds” section in the newsletter where announcements like this can be made.

Mortgage:

We discussed pursuing a mortgage arrangement that will allow us to assume our full obligation for paying off the building. Jay presented a memo that summarizes encouraging discussions that have occurred with Koskan Realty (Susie’s sister and brother in law) We authorized Jay to continue discussions with Koskan Realty. Decision-making on this will likely occur at the April Board meeting.

General Assembly:

Jay presented a memo from Mary Jackson Smith that suggests we might be able to use the GA as a fundraising opportunity for CVUU, namely by offering services to GA attendants for the “price” of a donation to CVUU. This could include things like field trips to scenic places. “Stay an extra few days . . .” would be the pitch.