

Minutes, August 25, 2009 CVUU Board Meeting

Board members present: Jenny Norton, Suzanne Marychild, Allen Howard, Doug Jackson-Smith, Jordan Leary, Ellen Klomps, Susie Flann

Staff present; Beth Walden

Members present: Leslie Black, Jay Black, Eva Mayfield, Nick Flann

Committee Reports

- Minister report (Beth) handed out report on lay leader activities for the month (and summarized last few months)
- Worship (Ellen)
 - Summary of music director job description. Motion by the board to proceed with the hiring process; all approved
- Allen Howard; mentioned possible move to Brazil
- Membership (Leslie);
 - Circle dinners coming;
 - Reminder about welcome and follow-up procedures for visitors;
 - RUU class planned for fall and in February;
 - New member ceremonies to occur as needed;
 - New member packets assembled;
 - Need to update membership list for report to MDD/UUA, and discuss our criteria for who to keep on membership role; Doug suggested exploring a new category for inactive members (who can remain on our communication lists but wouldn't be official members with respect to MDD/UUA);
- RE (Jordan);
 - On-line RE schedule available.
 - Question on budget for childcare clarified
 - Asked for input on childcare – will explore options and report back.
- Fellowship (Eva)
 - Working with the membership committee for circle dinners,
 - Working with the Friday service committee for food for those services. Leftovers from Friday services to be frozen for use in future events and by the caring committee for meal distribution to those in need of a meal.
- Building and Grounds (Jay)
 - Sprinklers are working again. Need a pressure reducer, will be expensive.
 - Peg Hennon and Allen Howard have been cleaning weekly, with back up provided by Dawn Holzer (thank-you!).
 - An outside door was found locked, but not fully closed.
- Social and Environmental Justice (Jenny)

- Green sanctuary committee formed.
- Upcoming activities; Alternative Gift Market in November, Bioneers in November.
- Perhaps periodic showings of “Peaceworks” films.
- Union Pre-School (Jordan)
 - Lease and use of building a good fit for shared values; revenue stream.
 - Acknowledge we’ll hit bumps in the process, keep communications open and time to straighten out difficulties.
 - Jordan reported the rental agreement includes the Isabel Katana center room, the office, 3-5th grade classroom and backyard from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday. The actual rearrangement of the rooms still needs to be worked out.
 - The pre-school agrees to leave the basement arranged for church use on the weekend and the church agrees to leave the rooms ready for the pre-school on Mondays.
 - Changes may impact the Katana center and the back yard. Jordan will be the liason with the pre-school to work out details.
 - Jenny will ask the Social and Enviro Justice Committee to discuss the impacts on the Katana Center and recommend a possible solution, including possible official relocation of the Center to a different space in the building.

Misc. Business

- Eva suggested it would be helpful to make a flow chart for members explaining of who is responsible for what committee, how to get ahold of them, and details on what the committees do. Will get board and committee chair information to Alvin for the next newsletter.
- Financial/Mortgage Update
 - Options to work out a deal with Koskin Co. looks less attractive (the bid came in with high expenses attached). Jay & Doug do not recommend pursuing this option.
 - Clare Leishman (Lewiston State bank) advised against refinance at this time because of higher than normal costs & unpredictable appraisals.
 - Might be better to use the remaining term of our current mortgage with LSB to put our finances and records in order for better terms in a better climate.
 - Motion made to decline the current Koskin offer, 2nd and all in favor.
 - A finance committee will be formed to follow up on our options and report by the next board meeting. Doug will head. Suzanne, Nick, Allen and Jay will also participate.