

UUFEC Board of Directors Meeting January 15, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by President Sharleenne Farley. Those present were: Sharleenne Farley, Ed Farley, Don Harrison, Don Hawkins, Bob Miller, and Daisy Horn. A quorum was present. Joining the meeting at 7:15 were Ellen Holt, Rhonda Crawford and Dave Abraham.

Since the secretary and treasurer were not yet present at the beginning of the meeting, the president skipped to agenda item VI.

Board advocates for the UUFEC committees were appointed:

- Fun, Food, Fellowship & Fundraising - Ellen Holt
- Religious Services – Rod Debs
- Membership & Caring – Ed Farley
- Religious Exploration – Richard Hoffert & Shar Farley
- Facilities – Bob Miller
- Finance – Rhonda Crawford
- Events & Human Resources – Daisy Horn
- Social Justice – Don Harrison
- Endowment – Don Hawkins

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Don Hawkins volunteered to head an Ad Hoc committee on Long Range Planning. Don will assemble his committee members and report back to the board at the February board meeting.

As board members checked in, each member suggested a goal that the board might set for 2007. The board members and goals are as follows:

- **Don Hawkins** – reported that the Endowment Fund has a value at this time of gifts and direct gifts that is approaching \$100,000. This total includes the recent \$10,000 contribution by Hank Boudolf. Don stated he would like to set a goal for an additional \$50,000 to be added to the fund before January 2008. To achieve this goal the endowment committee will conduct informational meetings to educate and inform members on how they can contribute to this fund.
- **Daisy Horn** – Would like to devise a better system for tracking and follow-up on visitors to the fellowship.
- **Don Harrison** – To form two task groups within the fellowship and a forum that would educate and inform on an important social issue. To investigate what can be done to create more meeting space for second hour programs since the lack of suitable space is limiting the number and quality of the programs we can offer. And, to complete the Welcoming Congregation certification process by the next Martin Luther King, Jr. March in January, 2008.

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- **Dave Abraham** – wants to optimize fund raising so that effort equals results. He is excited to see the Coffee House program begin.
- **Ellen Holt** – would like to see the mailing lists updated so that multiple copies of the same notice do not go out to families at the same address. To see an effort to get members to bring outside friends to the fundraising events. Maybe there could be a prize for the member who brings the most guests.
- **Rhonda Crawford** – To streamline the administrative issues of finances of the Fellowship. To investigate possible new banks that will charge fewer service fees. Also, outreach into the community to bring in more members.
- **Bob- Miller** – would like to see realistic projections for maintenance of building with line items for capital improvement, operations, and maintenance.
- **Rev. Debs** – would like to see five task groups for social justice, with an advisory board that meets monthly.
- **Ed Farley** – Wants to make certain that the building is adequately cooled during the warm seasons this year. Make certain that the necessary repairs are completed before the summer.
- **Shar Farley** – determine priority of building maintenance items. Recognize our volunteers with a dinner and certificates. Promote leadership training.. Would like to see the 50th anniversary come to fruition which will promote inclusiveness of all members in the Fellowship.

The secretary read a summary of the minutes of the November meeting since there was no formal meeting in December. There were no changes, Ed made a motion to accept, Dave seconded and the minutes were accepted as read.

Rhonda read the treasurer's report and stated that there was more income during December than normal. December income was \$19,674.81. The balance was \$30,533.41 in Certificate of Deposit, \$17,157.76 in checking and \$9,678.22 in savings, giving us a grand total of \$57,369.39. Dave moved to accept. Bob seconded. Passed unanimously.

Jan Yamamoto, building needs chairman will check with an architect to see what is the best option for expanding the current building.

Shar stated that a long range planning committee is needed. Don Hawkins will chair.

Rev. Debs stated that the Chalice Lighting grant is available and the fellowship could get \$10,000 for expanding facilities.

Shar also read an email from Fred Boyer detailing problems with the air conditioning system. A Boiler Assessment will be conducted and Bob Miller will be present.

Engineering Cooling Services of Pensacola is the firm. Fred suggested that the total could go as high as \$2500.00. The board recommended that a ceiling of \$3,000 be spent on this assessment. Motion was made by Dave with a second from Rhonda. Motion passed.

Important dates: April 29th is the annual meeting of UUFEC.

2007 Mid South District Annual Assembly is May 4-6, Montgomery

Beach Con is May 25-27 (UUFEC Hosts)

2007 UUA General Assembly is June 21-25, Portland, OR

The next Board meeting will be February 19th at 6:30 PM at the Fellowship.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM

Respectfully submitted by
Ellen Holt
Secretary