

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington

Approved Minutes of the August 15, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting

Simplify the structure of the church, Provide vision for the future, Include everyone on the journey, Help people through the transitions, Pay particular Attention to growth, staffing, and congregational identity.

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Attending: Rev. Bill Breeden, Steve Dillon, Chris Haynes, Jason Hill, Karen Jewell, Lloyd Orr, Cindy Port, G. K. Rowe, Jan Skinner, Amy Taylor, Shari Woodbury

Not attending: David Cox, Bobbi Lahre

Call to order by Jan Skinner, President, at 7:04

Chalice Lighting and Reading by Jan Skinner

[Motion: Approval of the Board of Directors Meeting minutes](#)

Moved by Steve Dillon, second by Jason Hill,

[Treasurer's report by Lloyd Orr](#)

We have about reached the \$15,000 surplus forecast last month. Mortgage refinancing has been completed.

Consent agenda

Jan Skinner proposed for future use the procedure of using a "consent agenda": items not needing discussion are combined in a single motion for approval at the start of the meeting. These items are indicated in the advance agenda. Board members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda, becoming a separate motion. There was consensus to try this procedure in future meetings.

Board Retreat

Follow-up discussion of issues raised in the board retreat focused on the Connections and Membership Committees. Issues discussed included how board members should be more involved, especially with these two critical committees. What support needs are unmet?

Liaison assignments

Existing assignments of board members all continue.

The new assignments are:

- Amy Taylor: Facilities Committee
- Jason Hill: Connections Committee
- Shari Woodbury: Special Events
- Bobbi Lahre: Affiliated Groups (such as Beacon and Woman's Alliance)

Motion: Pool LOTUS contributions

Proposal by Deb Hutton circulated in advance. Summary: allow contributions to the Lotus World Music and Arts Festival, Sept. 27-30, to be made by personal check to LEAF (Lotus Education and Arts Foundation) with "UU's for Lotus" in memo line. This pools contributions in the name of the church, providing church recognition in Lotus advertising. Contributions are tax deductible and due by Sept. 14th.

Moved by Steve Dillon, second by Lloyd Orr

Vote: approved unanimously

Reports

1. Amy Taylor on her Leadership School attendance: in short, 3 districts with about 50 participants; it was very valuable, interesting, exiting, and took a lot of energy.
2. SOFT will be meeting with Rev. Barbara Child on weekend of August No additional information until after that meeting.
3. Sabbatical Committee: thanks to all for their hard work and fine job planning for Rev. Mary Ann Macklin's sabbatical. The committee members will all serve in future planning for Rev. Bill Breeden's sabbatical.

Motion: Elder Care Task Force Charge

- Goal: identify UUCB's current and future elder care needs and current capacity to meet those needs.
- Objectives:
 - Research how those needs are met at churches within and outside our denomination.
 - Recommend to the board of directors programs, services, and resources required to meet current and future elder care needs.
 - Find ways to honor and cherish our elderly members and to recognize and encourage their continuing contributions.

Moved by Steve Dillon, second by Karen Jewell

Vote: approved unanimously

Calendar Updates

September 5th: Family worship

Council meeting time: to be determined

Motion: to adjourn

Moved by Steve Dillon, second by Jason Hill

Vote: approved unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Rev. Bill Breeden's Emailed Report

Summer is just about gone, and we are gearing up to go at it again. The Chalice Circle Program will launch again in September. The Chalice Circle Executive Team is working hard to make the second year as good or better than the first.

Rev. Barbara Child joins our staff on August 18 for the duration of Rev. Macklin's sabbatical. She will be teaching two Adult Religious Education courses, preaching in Rev. Macklin's slots and doing other duties to relieve the stress of Mary Ann's absence. The Sabbatical Committee has done a wonderful job preparing for this, and I do not expect any great complications or traumas. Mary Ann will be back before we know it. We will be applying for a Lilly Grant to support my sabbatical, and feel that we learned some things that might improve our chances next time.

I have spoken with the President of the Bloomington Mosque about the possibility of having evening prayers and Dinner at our facility during Ramadan again this year. He is to get back with me soon.

It is a joy to serve this congregation, and I am sure that the coming year will be another one of challenges, joys and sorrows, and that we will continue to be a voice for a better world for all the grandchildren.

Peace-bill