

Development Committee (LDC). They provided us with a slate of Officers and Trustees, and taking their charge seriously, made significant progress in bringing together interested individuals to divide responsibilities in standing and ad hoc committee areas. Thank you both; your efforts provide a model for future LDCs.

Sincere thanks are in order to several Board Members and their families for their efforts in bringing together the Annual Business Meeting. A wonderful after meeting dinner was offered due to the efforts of David and Lisa Schaffer (delicious home-smoked pork BBQ, baked beans, and slaw), Ann Phillippi (baked potatoes and salad), and Laura Antonow (two cakes and a delicious fruit cobbler).

The attending Board and several members expressed concern about the low attendance at both the Business Meeting and dinner that followed. We may need to re-think next year's Annual Business Meeting in terms of better publicity (e.g., send a letter of invitation), format, and offering of 'fun' mixed with business. We are all appreciative to those that did set aside the time to make next year our best year yet!

Summary of Business Meeting Actions

The UUCO approved the By-Laws unanimously. Copies will be placed in the new UUCO directory (draft being proofed, thank you Laura Antonow) and on the web-site.

The UUCO approved the July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 budget with an amendment that the Board adjust the budget to include specific line items for Religious Education & Youth and Community Service. A balance sheet and break-down of the budget are available from Ann Phillippi (Financial Officer). The Board will amend the budget as stipulated at the next meeting, upon receipt of budget projections from the Religious Education & Youth Trustee (Elaine Gelbard) and others.

The UUCO approved by acclamation the ballot of Officers and Trustees presented to serve for the July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 term. Those are:

President: Mel Warren
Vice-President: David Roederer
Financial Officer: Laura Antonow
Secretary: Luanne Buchanan
Programming Trustee: Lisa Schaffer
Communications Trustee: John Schuster
Membership Trustee: Pat Miller
Religious Education & Youth Trustee: Vacant

The LDC indicated several other areas of responsibility (some shared) within our leadership structure (and others are being negotiated):

Lisa Schaffer (as Trustee) with David Roederer and Jordan Bankhead will coordinate the Sunday Service Programming area.

John Schuster (as Trustee) and Luanne Buchanan will coordinate the Communications area.

Gail Stratton will serve as our High School Youth Advisor in the Religious Education and Youth area.

Sharon Martinez will serve as Chair of our Community Service Committee.

The LDC also recommended that in addition to the Building Renovation & Landscape Committee that a new ad hoc committee, the Building Maintenance Committee, be formed to oversee maintenance, inspection, and use-coordination of the building. Ann Phillippi provided a near-comprehensive checklist of periodic inspections and duties needed to keep our home orderly, clean, functioning, and stocked with essential supplies.

Finally, we spent over two hours, meditating and brainstorming each major area and function of UUCO. After our focused meditation and brainstorm on each area, we prioritized three ideas in each. Many visionary, logistical, and highly practical ideas, needs, and solutions emerged. All these will be shared with in-coming Board and Committee Chairs.

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