

Minutes from the UUCO Board Meeting, July 13, 2014

Our meeting started at 12:30 pm

Board members present: new board – Luanne, Greg, Victoria, Cheryl, Walter, Shaundi, Carla, and Eunice to represent Sunday services; old board – Allen, James, Lizzy and Cris

1. We chose to bypass some of the formalities, like the **chalice lighting, and our usual brief check in**. To set the tone, President Luanne shared a reading with us that showed appreciation for the visible and invisible ways we each may serve our spiritual community.

2. Our president adroitly shared that she would not appoint an observer this time to keep us on track (or give up). (If this *was* a tacit invitation for volunteers, none was needed, as the World Cup was about to begin in a half hour.)

3. Report of Leadership Development Committee: Eunice shared briefly from her experience in the leadership development committee. We learned we'll have a service leader **team**, to serve this year, not **one person** to fulfill the complex role, as in previous years. Prospective team members agreed to rotate in attending board meetings. Thank you, Jason, Shaundi, Greg (who will mentor briefly), Eunice and others. Gail has stepped forward to lead in training the interested coalition, and inspire this year's service. Greg moved to accept Gail's gracious offer, and Cheryl seconded the motion. The Board supported unanimously Gail's offer to perform as temporary "minister" to the Sunday Services board in the two training sessions in July and August.

4. Financial Update

Our beginning account balance was \$17,529 and ending balance was \$13,346, for the 2013-2014 year. Pledges are a bit under budget for 2014-2015, with a budget of \$30,483 and a proposed pledge income of \$26,424. Cheryl adjusted the Fiscal budget to accommodate this.

Eunice made the recommendation that each individual member/family be apprised on a regular basis throughout the year, of whether they are meeting our pledge goal, where their contribution is going.

Lizzy added to the recommendation, pointing out that the budget could be shared in newsletters so members can regularly review. It was agreed that with Sandra on board, we would be able to send quarterly letters to let members know their status in meeting their pledge goal.

There were two financial recommendations. One, that we open an interest drawing account for our excess cash, even though interest will be low.

Second recommendation: the painting of the interior become an action item for the UU fellowship. We have an estimate of costs at being around \$5000 (?). Greg proposed a new color scheme, hot pink. "What does the building mayor think?" Pat was asked. We were told St. Brian (Brian Crawford) would soon be available, once Cheryl releases him from some projects. Shaundi motioned to approve the painting of the church, and Cheryl seconded. Greg abstained (alas for hot pink); all others were in favor of approving we move forward to have the church painted this summer.

5. UUCO reference materials

Luanne presented UUCO reference materials material to the Board, in double-sided printout, so that we not be tempted to use the backside for a shopping list. (Not to worry, there will be no test.) We trust you to get inspired, learn about the new policy on minors, see what we've gotten excited about in the past, and all the ways we are involved in community. Be sure to flip to page 37 and view the myriad ways members have enjoyed serving UU and our community. Add your dreams there, or get ideas. A few examples: Our own Susie Adams founded the community garden, where Walter now weeds and Vicki Reithel harvests.

Also, UUCO is connected to the AMOS Network (locally called the Winter Institute).

6. Brief overview of last year's Board Activities and this year's. Net result of the 2013-2014 UUCO's board, is that we are responsible with our moneys and reportage, and that we have a good web presentation.

While Greg had a large lap for us to land in with Sunday Services, **together** we will create many laps, through the new Sunday Services Committee.

7. Announcements and Adjournment. Being so motivated to move along and adjourn in time for the world cup, the Board agreed we would move from the old website to the new one created by Lizzy. Cheryl made the motion we make the move, Greg seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned just 1 minute after the World Cup started (it must have been 1:01 pm?)