

**The Community Church of Chapel Hill Unitarian Universalist
Minutes of Board Meeting of January 15, 2008**

Present: David Abels, Barbara Chapman, Alyson Grine, Joel Grodensky, Mary LeMay, John Leopold, Erich Lieth, Susan McDaniel, Joan Meade, Richard Perry, Susan Spalt, Penny Ward

Ex Officio: Jay Miller

Minutes: Laurence Kirsch

Susan Spalt called the meeting to order and lit the chalice at 7:02 p.m.

All new and old members introduced themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consisted of the following two items:

- Approval of December Minutes
- Notes for Executive Committee meeting of 1/8/08

Referring to the Executive Committee meeting notes, Susan Spalt explained that the Church has made only a one-year \$2,500 commitment to Habitat, the funds for which are already earmarked.

John Leopold moved acceptance of the consent agenda. Unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Susan McDaniel moved acceptance of Laurence Kirsch as Recording Secretary. Unanimously approved.

A motion was made to accept Joel Grodensky as the Board's member-at-large on Executive Committee. Unanimously approved.

Joan Meade moved acceptance of Penny Ward as Corresponding Secretary. Unanimously approved.

Board members volunteered to serve as liaisons for various church committees. Attachment A shows the resulting list of liaisons.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Leadership Workshop

The Board spent an hour discussing its reactions to the leadership workshop that was held this past weekend. The points made in the discussion included the following:

- All Board members attended the workshop.

- Various Board members thought that the workshop:
 - was overwhelming but stimulating.
 - proposed an effective organization structure that may serve as a framework for Board members to serve in a spiritually nourishing way.
- Various Board members:
 - were daunted by question of where to start:
 - by identifying problems and then determining how to solve them?
 - by clarifying the church's mission?
 - liked the clarity that the workshop gave to the Board's fiduciary, strategic, and mission-setting responsibilities.
 - questioned whether the workshop's organizational models fit our church.
 - liked hearing about how other congregations organize themselves.
 - thought the church's organization needs tweaks, not big changes.
 - thought that prospective ministers need information about our vision.

Susan Spalt suggested that a half hour of each Board meeting be devoted to visioning. There was a short discussion of this proposal, countered by an alternative of having a committee consider the visioning issues and then bring its ideas to the Board.

The Board decided to make the question of governance changes a part of the February 2 Board workshop. John Leopold, Erich Lieth, and Richard Perry will develop a structure for that event, the agenda for which will include governance issues and the Board's calendar for the year.

2. Presentation of Board Reports at Sunday Services

Erich Lieth asked why the oral reports on Board activities had been dropped from the Sunday services. The purported answer is that some congregation members had complained about too many administrative matters being scheduled during services. A Board member pointed out that the Board report had not been in the Newsletter for at least one recent month. Susan Spalt indicated that we can stick with the written report or also reinstate the oral reports. Alyson Grine voiced an opinion against oral reports, and Erich indicated a preference for reinstating them. At that point the issue was dropped since authority seemed to lie with the Worship and Arts Committee on this topic.

3. Treasurer's Report

Jay Miller reported that there will be a meeting of an informal finance committee on Friday 25 January. This meeting will discuss treasury operations, better aligning the stewardship campaign with the budget process, and various other issues on which Jay wants assistance or advice. Following receipt of outstanding pledges, Jay, John Leopold, and Andy Hencke intend to develop recommendations for the needed budget re-casting promised at December's Congregational Meeting; and they intend to present their recommendations to the Board at or before the March Board Meeting.

Jay wondered why parking revenues are below budget when the lot is always full. Jay will explore the matter and report back to the Board.

The remaining Seussical funds are \$3,741. The Board has no established policy for the disposition of such funds. Glen Mehrbach wants to use this money as a revolving fund for musical items. As no specific proposal has been made, this issue may be taken up at February Board meeting. Mary LeMay proposed that a task force address disposition of these funds and the development of a policy for this type of situation. Mary LeMay and Erich Lieth will serve as the lead members of this task force, and will have assistance John Leopold and Richard Perry. The task force will present to the Board a generic proposal for dealing with unexpected assets from a fundraiser.

4. Maintenance Issues

There is a need to review custodial arrangements, as the changes in the church's physical space have changed our maintenance needs. Pat Smith will put recommendations together. Does the Board want to see her recommendations before she hires staff or seeks proposals from contractors?

5. Use of Space

Richard Perry reported that the music committee would like some church space dedicated to music. He says that the Council will deal with this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Planning Retreat is Groundhog Day, Saturday 2 February at 9 am to 11 am.

The next Board meeting is Tuesday 12 February at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Attachment A
Board Liaisons for the Various Church Committees

Committee	Board Member Liaison
Building & Grounds	Susan McDaniel
HR	John
Information Technology Services (ITS)	David
Finance	David
Stewardship	John
Endowment	Richard
Fundraising	Erich
Pre-School	David
CRE	Alyson
CAP	Barb?
Membership	Mary
Nominating	Richard
Social Concerns	Penny
Caring	Joan
Peace & Justice	Penny
Denominational Connections	Richard
Music	Erich
Worship & Arts	Joan
Coffee House	Mary
20s & 30s	Joel
Manse	Joel