

## Church Council Minutes

Feb 26, 2013

**Present:** Katie Heineman (Covenant Groups), Steve Warshaw (Spiritual Exploration for Adults - SEA and ECological Committee), Jenny Warnasch (Children's Ministry and Standing on the Side of Love - SOSOL), Lilie Bonzani (Committee on Ministry), Kathy Hodges (Youth Ministry), Peggy Misch (Peace and Justice), Bob Weston (Faith in Action), Gary Giles (Building and Grounds), Joan Garnett (Justice United), Sue Brewer (Community Service Ministry), Paige Smith (Stewardship), Mary Hulett (Board Liaison and Endowment), Maj-Britt (Minister).

### Announcements (Carolyn):

- **Projector Check-Out**– The projector must now be checked out from a staff member. This is to avoid past situations where the projector was missing in action when someone had reserved it. Please contact Munsie in advance if you will need the projector. She will put a sheet on the projector with your name and the date/time you have it reserved. You may pick the projector up from her directly during her office hours, arrange to meet another staff member to pick it up outside of her office hours, or let Munsie know you cannot pick it up and she will leave it in the Straley closet for you close to your reservation time.

Steve also let us know that Sandy Young is donating a second projector to the church – whoohoo!

- **Kitchen Cleaning** – A friendly reminder from Andrea to please make sure your committee and ministry members wash and put away any dishes they use at meetings, etc.
- **Stuffing Inserts** – Since we are moving towards electronic announcements, Munsie no longer has regular volunteers lined up to put inserts in the orders of service. If you have inserts you can either stuff them yourself (orders of services completed at 10:30am Fridays and then placed in plastic tub under the table near the clipboards in the Commons), or let Munsie know Wednesday at Noon if you want her to line someone up to stuff inserts for that Sunday.
- **Sharing Photos of You Groups** – If you have any good photos of your committees or ministries in action that you will be using at the Stewardship Fair or elsewhere, could you please send electronic copies to Andrea and me? Andrea will be using some of them on the new Pledge page on the website and I would love more photos for future membership materials. Addresses = [finance@c3huu.org](mailto:finance@c3huu.org) and [membership@c3huu.org](mailto:membership@c3huu.org) . Thank you!
- **New Copier** – A heads up that we have a new copier. It is very similar to the old copier. However, it does not print color copies.
- **Special Guest Speaker this Sunday** - Peace and Justice is bringing in guest speaker Susannah Jill Baker to give her award winning sermon, "*Staying Awake and Overcoming: A Unitarian Universalist Response to the Israel-Palestine Conflict*" this coming Sunday, March 3rd.
- **JU Listening Sesson** – there is still time to attend or request a Justice United listening session. The link to sign-up is on the front page of our new website.

### Transition Update (Mary Hulett):

- Please get Frankie's questions about what we're looking for in an interim minister to your Committees and Ministries and ask that everyone return their responses to her this Friday (deadline is this Friday, but can accept responses late- just trying to get responses).
- Update to minutes from 1/22/13 = search and transition process is going to cost \$40,000 after all (not \$20,000 reported last meeting).

- March 24<sup>th</sup> – Special Congregational Meeting between services to elect members for settled minister search committee. Will have childcare. Note that there is no coffee or tabling after first service that Sunday.

### **Stewardship Update (Paige):**

- In move towards year round stewardship we're trying to make a splash with this years pledge campaign. Help people differentiate between the pledge campaign and year round stewardship. The campaign kicks off March 10<sup>th</sup> with the Committees and Ministries Fair.
- Please have tables set up between 3-5pm on Saturday, March 9th.
- Single service at 10:30am on March 10<sup>th</sup> (Spring ahead day!). Head out a little before end of service to staff tables.

Gary – suggested we try putting food out by windows and tables by kitchen because of lighting in the Community Room. Not able to move things around for this event, but down the road.

**Goals & Budget Sharing (Everyone):** Everyone shared impressive goals for the coming year as well as proposed budgets to meet said goals. Maj-Britt will send out one compiled packet of all committee and ministry goals and budgets to the group.

Maj-Britt - Think in goals of how you can help the interim minister and with the transition process.

Steve – SEA has worked with seven other committees/ministries over the past year. Pretty cool that we are that kind of place!

Maj-Britt – Grateful that council is able to bring us all together so that we can know what each other are up to and set up collaborations.

**Goals & Budget Waste Reduction (Steve):** Steve paraphrased a request from ECO for Cecilia, who was not able to make it. Cecilia's full request follows.

### **Waste Reduction: for Church Council – Feb. 26, 2013 Meeting**

ECO has as a current year goal to reduce waste at church to lessen the church's environmental footprint. It has been doing some work itself in this area and it has proposed something to staff as well.

Now it's your turn! As a first step, ECO is asking 2 things:

1. Please gather anything that your members have noticed as possible waste at church - it might be in the form of energy, such as a waste of lights or heating/cooling, or a waste of paper or things going into the trash that might be directed elsewhere or something else they've noticed. It would be helpful to know the circumstances when they noticed this (time of day, type of event...)

Please send these to me [warshawc@msn.com](mailto:warshawc@msn.com) **electronically by March 19**. I will develop them into a document to use as a springboard for discussion at our March meeting a week later.

2. Secondly, begin thinking, just thinking, of ways that your group might help reduce waste at church.

**Shalom My Friend(s)**

**(Next Meeting = Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>)**