

## UUFC Board Minutes--January 9, 2008

Present: Ann Cargill, Glenn White, Cheryl Soehl, Joe Long, Mike Paget, Peter Kandis, Mary McGriff, Jessica Kross.

Absent. Mike Kelly.

Also: Neal, Mike Allen, Dave Crockett, Didi.

7:15 pm Call to order.

### ***MOTIONS PASSED:***

\* Acceptance of consensus agenda except facilities planning which moved to discussion agenda.

\* The Organizational Structure Ad Hoc Committee given until June to finish its work.

\* Move to waive rental fees for Didi Doggette's yoga class for six weeks to see how it goes.

#### ➤ Consensus agenda

- November minutes
- Reports
  - Minister—report sent
  - President
    - Nine members will be attending the Transformational Stewardship Conference in Savannah, 1/18 – 19 request that we use the remainder of the Carnesale funds to help pay for the registration fee for the conference.

- I have sent most of the requested material to the UUA Consultant, still need attendance numbers and annual reports from 05-06 and 04-05.
- South Carolinians for Science Education request to use facility cancelled by them
- President-elect
  - Facility Planning activities—though not formally designated as such, the Master Plan Committee, Board, Green Grants Group, minister, RE director, and administrator have been operating as the de facto Facility Planning Committee in meetings with Boudreaux to review initial drafts of the Master Plan. That group met December 3<sup>rd</sup> for the second review of the Master Plan draft. The discussion focused on the first real look at square footage needs. A major decision was that for the current renovation plans, it is likely that we will need to consider a combined sanctuary/social hall space. With this determination, the group realized that a third meeting will need to be scheduled.

A follow-up discussion was held December 20<sup>th</sup> at Boudreaux with the minister, President, and President-Elect in attendance. The purpose was to discuss possible changes in the initial proposed phases of renovation. The major recommendation was that the sanctuary/social hall area of the building be considered as the initial project, with the religious education wing demolition and eventual rebuilding to be done at a later point in the project. Boudreaux will go back to the drawing table and reconfigure the phases, based on this plan.

As discussions have continued, it has become clearer that the UUFC needs to have the UUA consultant's input on financing our renovations, prior to finalizing the Master Plan. Scheduling of the financial meeting is

underway. The next Master Plan meeting with Boudreaux will be scheduled to follow the financial planning session.

- Treasurer—report to be sent
- Administrator—report to be sent
- DRE—report to be sent
- Finance Committee—David Crockett, Ann Cargill
- Buildings & Grounds—Morgan Maclachlan, Glenn White, will speak with John Spade at the City of Columbia about the van accessible handicap space.
- Denominational Relations—Dean Smith,
- Membership—Larry Siegel, Mike Kelly, minutes of last meeting below
- Ministerial Relations—Pat Mohr, Kathy Paget, David Crockett
- RE Committee—Sonya Jones, Peter Kandis,
- Social Action—Toni Jones, Cheryl Soehl
- Worship Committee—Judy Turnipseed, Joe Long
- Master Plan Committee—Mike Paget, the MPC and the Board met with Boudreaux on December 3 to review and give Boudreaux feedback on their work to date. The next meeting for the same group will be scheduled for mid January.
- UU Coffeehouse—Mike Paget, Coffeehouse report—two shows were held in December. On December 8th Barrett Smith, along with 3 supporting players, performed to 118 paid ticket holders. On New Year's Eve, Jack Williams, and 3 supporting players, performed for 65 paid ticket holders. One show is scheduled for January 26th. Seven shows remain for the season, through May. Booking for the 08-09 season is underway.
- Technology Service Committee (TSC)

- Public Relations
- Partner Church sent \$500 to the Rev. Zsolt Solymosi and Unitarians in Beszerce from money they fund raised.

➤ Discussion agenda

- Treasurer’s report—sent
- President
  - I request that we grant Dean Smith’s request, “I’m interested in starting a group for secularists (atheists, agnostics, deists, freethinkers) that maybe could meet in the library on a weeknight once a month. What would be the best way for me to go about it? Also, if you can think of a better name than UU Secularists, please share! :)  
I’m the organizer for a similar meetup group, Godless Columbia. We’ve had several visitors and even some new members who first heard about UUFC at the Godless Columbia meet-up. “
  - Organizational Structure Ad hoc committee report see below; request extending the term of the committee to June.
- President-Elect
  - Report on purchase and installation of the bicycle rack
  - Report on proposed construction of the van accessible handicapped parking area
  - Draft annual operating calendar (I would share the calendar idea, and propose that it become a draft working document, with input to be actively sought from current and past leadership)
  - Discussion of the UUFC becoming a registered religious group at USC (could Cheryl present this information?)
  - Confidentiality draft

Acceptance of consensus agenda except facilities planning which moved to discussion agenda. Joe moved, Jessica seconded. Agreed

Neal discussed those who are in the hospital.

Keeping Boudreaux bill until \$20,000 CD matures Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mike P. Boudreaux expecting payment. Decide to mail by the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Cheryl asked if \$750 in Minister's Discretionary fund enough. Answer yes.

Dean Smith's request for group for secularists, etc. to meet in library once a month. His Godless Community group has brought several people into the Fellowship. Mike P concerned with terminology—opposed to "Godless Columbia." Cheryl—is there a group in UUA with a name that this group might be subsumed under. Joe. There "Uumanists" under the UUA. Agreed. Joe suggested he put it in the newsletter and he should look at the UUA website for the name. Joe noted there is a humanist list serve. Neal to talk to Dean.

Peter asked the Organizational Structure Ad Hoc Committee how much longer they need. Joe reported need until June. Ann moved, Joe seconded. Agreed.

Mike Paget noted competency and need for the calendar which would be a reference for what needs to come up regularly. Mike will ask heads of committees to contribute to the calendar. He will be the compiler. Mike Allen says would be useful for the website. Mary noted that it be publicized so people can see what needs to be done. Ann moved Mike should put together a calendar and put it on the Bulletin Board. Need to mention in the service it there. Peter put calendar in Unigram. Mary seconded. Mike suggested it be sent out to people and to congregation for input. Agreed.

Peter talked to Tamsin Tekemos UUA Stewardship Consultant. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> the date. She'll meet with Board and leadership the 23<sup>rd</sup> and to the service the 24<sup>th</sup>. Ann and Jessica agreed to help. Renovation funding, relationship canvass and capital fund drive. She needs to come and get to know who we are.

Need to recruit a Board Member. Cheryl urges a young adult.

President-Elect. Recommendation to purchase and install green, seven, Saracen bike rack. Jonathan Thompson and Morgan recommended between building and sidewalk on Heyward, Cost about \$500. They need to recommend permeable surface under the rack.

Ann reminded us we had approved \$400.

Mary—wait until CD comes due.

Question what do we do when an item costs more than budgeted.

Peter says there must be flexibility.

Should there be a policy? Dave Crockett—you might be better off using case-by-case basis and not a policy.

Mike will ask Jonathan to get the order off the web etc and get it to Mike or Morgan which will take until end of January.

Van accessible parking. We should go ahead and install it since it will be in the same place after renovation. Morgan got info from city. Two spaces would be 34' by 18'. Need bids. Peter asks if city would do it? Mike thought not. Peter says go ahead and get bids. Morgan will be asked to get bids. Cheryl—is there grant money available?

Joe—include hard surface to the door. Look into permeable surface.

Cheryl. UUFC becoming a registered religious group. Cheryl notes that if Neal the minister associated with it might take 3 hours a week. There is an old group which had a file so that there. It fairly simple—need some students and some signatures. Cheryl asks for personal commitments. Cheryl downloaded UUA young adult ministry workbook and is pursuing campus ministry materials on UUA website. Should be a ministry to whole campus with speakers, etc. Would take 3-4 weeks once started.

Mike. Campus should be natural place to find people. But it would be Neal who had to put in the time. Maybe wait until we have a full time RE lifetime person.

Cheryl put ad in Gamecock for Monday and Friday.

Didi said she would be willing to commit time to a campus ministry.

Neal says with credentialing thing going on now he reluctant to take it on. We are getting grad students. Grad student Jonathan Romm has been proselytizing for us.

Peter suggested that those interested in this discuss it and come back with a motion for the Board. His concern is that last week we had 135 people in the Service which means we full. Glenn—there are actually 190 seats. Peter—we need to bring in people with resources—do we want to spend lots of our energy on students.

Mike—discussed in LRP that we need outreach to area colleges.

Facility planning committee. Glenn. Priorities have shifted. Sanctuary-social hall shifted to first priority maybe. Peter—maybe we need more capacity first and then RE wing. Mike, Neal and Peter went to Boudreux to express those concerns. They set up visit to Shandon Methodist. Quality of work high and it reassuring.

Mike. After last meeting we didn't have a plan we could take to congregation or financial planner. Neal suggested flipping phases. Informal meeting with Boudreux to see if we could do that. They met with Anna and Irene. They are going to develop a Feb 4<sup>th</sup> presentation which would discuss this.

Glenn—is there a downside for flipping priorities. Peter—asked if it will fall down—no but keep an eye on things. Part of plan would be bringing this part of building up to code which would mean HVAC renovation which includes smaller units which would handle RE wing and be used for new building when we do it.

Didi. If we expand with more children we could still put in a portable.

Ann. If we change focus does Bourdreux charge us more? Peter. They didn't say there would be. Mike. Original contract calls for 2-3

meetings and this one will be the 3<sup>rd</sup>. It doesn't seem we will have to pay more for a masterplan.

Mike. If there is a flip where would we meet during construction? Maybe can work in each half?

Cheryl—if we a registered student group we could use Rutledge or the theater if they available.

Glenn—we talked about meeting at Hand.

Confidentiality draft. Will discuss next time. Peter—should run by Tom Turnipseed who has strong feelings about this. Mike agreed.

Joe—suggests considering that Board members and staff sign a statement on confidentiality. Mike will add this. Cheryl will send us the USC statement.

Neal. Its been five years since pictorial directory and maybe time for this again. Probably need an ad hoc committee of 2-3 people.

Don't need to guarantee sales.

Before done by Isabel and Regina.

Didi. This Sunday an RE table—maybe could be part of.

Peter would need to appoint an ad hoc committee. He likes the idea.

Gin will find two or three companies and pass on that information.

Peter—should Gin do that research. Yes. Peter asks for suggestions for people who would do that. New couple the Pixleys—maybe willing to help.

Jon Starino asked if he could sell professional photos after the service and he would give us a percentage. Neal feels uneasy about this, especially since they political photos.

Neal—there are times we have fund-raising bazaars or Beltane and that might be more appropriate. He could also advertise on our bulletin board.

Didi. She wants to teach yoga and meditation here. She talked to Neal. Six week course which she would be paid for and then give some to the Fellowship. How should this be done?

Peter—let's let this six week course run. Then see what happens.

Jessica. Concerns about this as a spiritual practice taught by a staff member.

Mike. Yoga taught at Trinity by a member there. Do we need a policy about renting to our own members. Neal we do have that. Didi should be paid since it not her job.

Dave. Two tier rental policy.

Didi—what if not enough people came to cover rent.

Cheryl. University will not allow the University's name in the group.

Ann. Move to waive rental fees for six weeks to see how it goes.  
Cheryl second. Agreed.

9:00 adjourned.