

# MINUTES

## All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Directors

September 16, 2008  
7:30 p.m.-10:08 p.m.

Meeting called by Claudia Harris, President

**Attendees:** Dennis Lower, Vice President; Amanda Lawrence, Secretary; Jared Davis, Treasurer; and Members at Large: Robert Smith and Stanton Dossett. Ex-officio members Susan Caldwell, DRE and Barbara Jarrell, Chaplain, T2 representative.

**Absent:** Elysse Orchard, David Seale

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**7:47 p.m. - 7:48 p.m.**

**Lighting of the Chalice/Reading of our Covenant**

All present

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**7:48 p.m. -7:49 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Jared to accept the minutes from the August meeting, seconded by Amanda, motion passed unopposed**

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**7:49 p.m. - 7:55 p.m.**

**BPOD**

10/5 Stanton  
10/19 Jared

10/12 Dennis  
10/26 Claudia

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**7:55 p.m. - 8:25 p.m.**

**Finance**

Jared Davis

some sort  
committee  
hymnals,  
committee

There is currently around \$8K in the bank, the possibility of opening of savings account was discussed. Unused money in the worship budget was noticed and discussed - it was decided to buy 28 new hymnals, have a hymnal drive in the month of October, and use the worship money to cover any un-sponsored hymnals.

**Resolution 08-t5 Wish List : A prioritized wish-list of improvements and additions to the physical church and to our programming will be developed - the intention being to expedite the application of any money beyond the budget as well as any unexpected windfalls. Amanda will develop and maintain this list. The motion passed with no opposition on 9-16-2008.**

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**8:25 p.m. - 8:33 p.m.**

**Denominational Affairs**

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time of  
The UUA

Robert Smith The main district focus at the moment is the hurricane congregations - especially those in Baton Rouge and Galveston (at the meeting, the extent of the damage in Houston was not known).

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will likely set up a fund for these churches, we will be notified when effect. An article about the Chalice Lighters program will be in the next newsletter.

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**8:33 p.m. - 9:12 p.m. Chaplain's Report/T2**

Barbara Jarrell/ T2 representative  
A letter was sent to the office by a member of the church who was unhappy with how several people had responded to a crisis in the member's life. The board discussed the situation, and agreed to continue to respond as compassionately and professionally as possible. The Interfaith group has scheduled a major meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross with the mayor. On September 26<sup>th</sup> there will be an in-house interfaith meeting for the members of All Souls to discuss our relationship with Interfaith. The suggestion from several months ago of a method for members to develop six month spiritual plans was discussed again.

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**9:12 p.m. - 9:28 p.m. DRE Report**

Susan Caldwell  
A SAA (sex addicts anonymous) group has contacted the church and

asked to

hold their meetings here during the week.

**Resolution 08-t6 SAA group request: The SAA group will be allowed to hold meetings in our space and treated as any other recovery group. Amanda proposed a friendly amendment that we request a donation from the group (which is the normal procedure) rather than charge rent. The motion passed (Dennis Lower abstained from voting) on 9-16-2008.**

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**9:28 p.m. - 9:32 p.m. Building and Grounds**

Stanton Dossett  
Thanks to the improvements and a lot of volunteer effort, there was no leaking during the hurricanes! Barbara has a list of minor repairs that need to be done in the church. A plan for storing, filling and placing the sandbags is needed.

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**9:32 p.m. - 9:39 p.m. Council Reports**

Dennis Lower  
The Building and Grounds Committee will meet Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> after church. Membership reports that seven more people have signed the Stepping Stones book and Molly Broderick has signed the membership book. Claudia Harris will be October's Volunteer of the Month. There will be a chili cook-off fundraiser in November (Amanda plans to win) and a Christmas cookie fundraiser in December. The Alternatives to Violence Program which will take place at the church needs advertising to help ensure its success.

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**9:39 p.m. - 10:08 p.m. New Business**

Our need for publicity was discussed - specifically contacting the religion writer for the Times. Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm the board will meet with our district executive, Susan Smith, to discuss various plans and strategies for the future. The possibility of a movie company using our space was discussed; several specific questions

and concerns were raised. Changes were proposed to the contract and the final decision was left to further e-mail discussion. Amanda would like to discuss a maximum meeting length at the next meeting.

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**10:08 p.m.**

**Adjournment**

**Robert moved, Amanda seconded, motion passed unopposed**

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