

MINUTES

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Directors

December 22, 2009

7:15 p.m.-8:42 p.m.

Attendees: Susan Bettinger, President; Claudia Harris, Vice President; Amanda Lawrence, Secretary; and Members at Large: Elysse Orchard,. Ex-officio members Susan Caldwell, DRE and Barbara Jarrell, Chaplain.

Absent: Jared Davis, Treasurer; Sarah Boswell, Robert Smith and Stanton Dossett

7:15 p.m. - 7:17 p.m.

Lighting of the Chalice/Reading of our Covenant

7:17 p.m. -7:20 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes will be reviewed and approved by e-mail as soon as the electronic copy is ready. A paper copy of all minutes since June 2008 will be placed in the binder in the office. No corrections were made to the paper copy of the minutes.

7:20 p.m. - 7:22 p.m.

BPOD

1/3 Susan/Stanton 1/10 Elysse/Robert
1/17 Amanda/Jared 1/24 Susan/Elysse
1/31 Claudia/Amanda

7:22 p.m. - 7:25 p.m.

Building and Grounds

The sandbags have been removed, making the outside of the church much more aesthetically pleasing. The handrail in the sanctuary looks terrific and works great. Installing a second handrail on the other side was discussed, but it was decided for the moment to put that money toward a solution for those in wheelchairs to access the front of the sanctuary.

7:25 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Council Report

Claudia Harris

The Volunteer of the Month for January will be Aundrea Weinreber. The parking lot is currently covered in leaves and the yard guys are not responding to calls/messages. For both safety and appearance, the leaves *have* to be gone for the Christmas Eve service. Claudia will make it happen.

Happy Birthday To Susan Caldwell!

7:37 p.m. - 7:52 p.m.

Newsletter access

Susan Bettinger

Many members miss the paper copy of the newsletter, and there's a feeling that people don't get news as well from the electronic copy. Although the option to request a paper copy has always been there, several things will be done to help people be aware of it: A stack of newsletters like the one in the foyer will be placed in the social hall along with a signup sheet to receive the newsletter by mail again. A postcard will be sent out to all members reminding them of how they can get the paper newsletter again if they like.

**7:52 p.m. - 8:30
p.m.**

Membership Purge Letters

In order to have the official count in time, the membership letters must be received by members by December 31st. This means they need to be written and mailed soon. We went over the list of those who had not pledged and discussed special circumstances where relevant. Susan Caldwell will make a few phone calls and let Claudia know if any names should be taken off the list. She will also send Claudia the old letters, which Claudia will edit and then send out.

8:30 p.m. - 8:32p.m.

Chaplain's Report

Barbara Jarrell

After an amazing summer and early fall, attendance has fallen of significantly in the last couple of months. It may be due to the holidays and/or illness, but it is a bigger drop than in previous years.

8:32 p.m. - 8:42 p.m.

New Business

Debbie would like clarification on the salary and budget line item for her position. A response to her concerns will be provided by January 1 by either Jared or Sarah.

8:42 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion passed with no opposition.