

MINUTES

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Directors

July 22, 2008

7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Meeting called by Claudia Harris, President

Attendees: Dennis Lower, Vice President; Amanda Lawrence, Secretary; Jared Davis, Treasurer; and Members at Large: Chester Kelley, and Stanton Dossett.

Absent: David Seale, Susan Caldwell, and Barbara Jarrell

7:47 p.m. - 7:49 p.m.

Lighting of the Chalice and Birthday Candles/Reading of our Covenant

All present

7:49 p.m. -7:50 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes
Motion by Jared to accept the minutes from the June meeting, seconded by Stanton, motion passed unopposed**

7:50 p.m. - 7:53 p.m.

BPOD

8/3 Dennis
Robert

8/10 Stanton
8/24 Jared

8/17
8/31 Amanda

7:53 p.m. - 8:14 p.m.

Finance

Jared Davis

Pledges have now exceeded \$140K. The Finance committee will meet July 26th at 7pm to develop a first draft of a budget (for discussion at the Board Retreat) The Finance committee's goal is to finance the essential parts of the budget entirely through pledges leaving fundraising just for non-essential things.

It was noted that this year's budget had at one point had a line item for emergency funds, which was removed (and would have come in handy during the flooding). A goal of putting solar panels on the church (and being the first church in town to do so) was mentioned.

8:15 p.m. - 8:42 p.m. Building and Grounds

Chester Kelley

gutters

We went outside to see the work that has been done removing the old

and discussed options for replacing them. New gutters would cost \$10/linear foot (prices include removal of existing gutters) and replacing the gutters with just fascia will cost \$5.50/linear foot. The roofer gave us a quote of \$850 to put the previously discussed awning over the door to the copy room.

Chester handed in the paper copy of his resignation letter (which has been filed - a scanned copy will be added to the electronic files) and

reiterated his willingness to help the board in the future in an unofficial capacity.

8:43 p.m. - 9:01 p.m. Denominational Affairs

Robert Smith

At General Assembly several study/action issues were proposed. It was suggested that we as a church look into these issues. We discussed the invited nominations from the UUA - this information will be put in the next newsletter. Unfortunately, no one will be attending the district leadership school this year - maybe next year.

9:01 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. Communications/Growth

Stanton Dossett

We discussed the goal of an archive of "important church documents" which Rick Carlisle and Pam Carter have started working on. Steve Caldwell has finished working on the "loaner" computer - the archive may be housed on this computer. In addition Amanda will create a separate record of all resolutions passed by the board to be updated each meeting and possibly posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

9:15 p.m. - 9:35 p.m. Council Reports

Dennis Lower

Attendance is high for the summer, the last ingathering was very successful. One focus now will be on folding in these new members. Mike Roberts will be August's Volunteer of the Month.

Dennis also brought to our attention the possibility that the Spring Lake Neighborhood Associate might need a place to meet to discuss the Haynesville Shale negotiations and wondered if there was a policy in place for community groups to use the sanctuary.

Resolution 08-t1 Sanctuary Use Policy: The church's policy on onetime, irregular use of the sanctuary by community groups will be that such use is allowed, subject to board approval. In order to defray costs of having someone open and close the church, turn on lights and heat/AC, a donation of \$75 will be suggested. The motion passed with no opposition (Dennis Lower recused himself from the vote) on 7-22-2008.

Resolution 08-t2 Use of the Sanctuary by Spring Lake Neighborhood Association: The board approved Dennis Lower's request that the Spring Lake Neighborhood Association be allowed to meet in the sanctuary (schedules permitting). Dennis will open and close the church if the group decides to meet. The motion passed with no opposition (Dennis Lower recused himself from the vote) on 7-22-2008.

9:35 p.m. - 9:37 p.m. Old Business

The board retreat is rescheduled for Sunday, August 10 from 1-7pm. Amanda will ask Kim Convertino to send T2 minutes to the board before the retreat.

9:37 p.m. - 10:10 p.m. New Business

On behalf of T2, Amanda asked that an additional responsibility be added to the BPOD list of responsibilities. The BPOD will now light the

tea light on the pulpit at 10:55am, close the doors to the sanctuary and then ring the bell in the halls. The goal is to encourage quiet in the sanctuary and the foyer during the prelude as well as during the service. Amanda will add this to the BPOD list and update/clarify the list in general.

The board agreed with Debbie Stille's request that Delia Caldwell replace her in the office for the week Debbie will be gone at the same pay rate agreed upon last summer.

After consulting the bylaws, the board confirmed that it had the power to appoint a replacement for Chester until the next elections. Because it complements his strengths better, Stanton Dossett will take over the Building and Grounds duties and the new Member at Large will focus on Communications and Growth. Some discussion was had of possible replacements, but due to the late hour the decision was made to discuss the issue at the New Business meeting after church on Sunday, July 27. **(Since we did not have a quorum at that meeting, a brief executive session will be called at the board retreat instead. -AL)**

10:10 p.m.

Adjournment

Claudia moved, it was seconded, motion passed unopposed
