

Unitarian Society of Hartford
Board of Directors
Unitarian Meeting House – August 11, 2009

Members Participating: Carolyn Cartland, Sue Kinney, Amy Hines, Bill LaPorte-Bryan, Fran Carnevale, Martha Page,
 Others Participating:
 Members Absent: Barbara Jamestone, Gail Syring, Brian Mullen
 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Subject	Discussion	Action Required/Responsible
	Opening prayer was written by Sue, read by Martha	
Check-in		
Minutes	Minutes from last meeting already approved through email	
Treasurer	Finance committee met prior to board of directors. Actions recommended to get us into balance are now shown in the budget. Estimating \$313,000 plus \$1,000 in new member pledges – represents 178 pledging units (reduction of about 25 from last year). Ended year \$6,000 to the good – not making any further recommendations at this time (other than the following)	
	1. Motion was made and seconded (Martha/Bill) to accept recommendation from council on social justice that they be allowed to invest up to \$500 of the surplus from green sanctuary sales toward meeting the requirements of green sanctuary certification – motion was unanimously passed.	
	2. Motion was made and seconded (Martha/Amy) to accept recommendation from finance council to restore the \$1,000 reduction to DRE previously made in June 2009.	Done: Carolyn will email Gail, cc BJ and Susan Huntington
	Need clarification on BJ's \$6,000 guarantee so that the budget can properly reflect that as an income item	Martha will email BJ
Compensation Pkg Mtg	Discussed when to schedule the meeting with BJ, Carolyn, Sue Kinney, Susan Huntington and Cedric Woods so that issues can be resolved, hopefully prior to Ingathering service.	Done: Carolyn will email BJ to meet on Tuesday, 9/1 or Wednesday, 9/2
Service Configuration	After discussion, motion was made and seconded (Amy/Bill) that service time be 10:30 a.m. Indefinitely, beginning with Ingathering on 9/13 – motion passed	Done: Carolyn will email BJ, Gail, Brian, Rosie and will send blurb to David Newton for eNews
Membership Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolyn will be talking with Rebecca Bryan, to express regret on behalf of church • Bill – need to also concern ourselves with bringing in new members • Sue – not board's responsibility to get involved in the details, need to look at the trend of losing members • Amy – we have dropped pledging units by 44 in the last 4-5 years 	
Economic Summit	<p>Martha is planning the summit, to be held on 9/27 – will try to recruit Charles Huntington, Joe Rubin. Josh Schreier has volunteered to help. This is a 3-5 year budget direction planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endowment – living within our means. What would you do if \$53K per year wasn't there? • How do we reach people? • Get ideas from congregation (what is our role in denomination, dues, etc.) • Why the UUA is so important, why we shouldn't be cavalier in cutting dues • Anyone who wants to be part of planning the summit should let Martha know. 	
Board Retreat	Scheduled for Saturday, 9/12 from 9-3. Sue and Amy will help design the retreat. Who should attend? What should be discussed? Board covenant,	

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	goals for the year?	
Nominating Committee	Members are Heather Ferguson Hull (Chair), Sue Kinney (President Elect), Sarah Gilligan, Peter Magistri. Carolyn has asked Heather to see if Greg Nickett will be the fifth. Voting on committee membership will be by email. First task will be to replace Jim Venneman on the BOD as At-large Member for Spiritual Life, then to find members for the Audit Committee	Greg Nickett has agreed to join the Nominating Committee
Audit Committee	Carol Sexton will chair the committee. Perform annual audit of accounting processes – internal audit). Bill Young drafted procedures for this. Needs chair and 2 members, look at attendees of last couple of Pathways classes for new people to be involved.	

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 8, 2009

Respectfully Submitted, Fran Carnevale, Board Secretary