

OUUC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2006

Present: Samantha Ritchie, Mary-Walton Cameron, Harmon Eaton, Melissa Denton, Mike Harbour, Bernie Brady, Art Vaeni, Ingrid Kail and Tim Ransom.
Absent: Shelley Ferer
Guests: Pam Davidson

Meeting called to order on time by Board Pres. Tim Ransom

Minutes:

Minutes of the October meeting were accepted with Tim's amendment identifying reserve accounts allocated to OTW. Harmon will review and make corrections as needed...

Treasure's Report

Harmon's report noted that pledges continue to be 5-7% below expectations but expenses are also correspondingly down. He talked about some glitches in implementing Church Windows. There was discussion about collecting delinquent pledges and follow-up to the letters already sent. It was noted that follow-up contact might provide useful information.

Administrators Report

Copies of the report were emailed, distributed, reviewed and accepted.

Minister's Report

Copies of the report were emailed, distributed, reviewed and accepted. Art talked about support for OTW from other churches and the AGM [Pacific Northwest District] meeting for 2008. We discussed possible locations and planning for the meeting. Tim and Harmon volunteered for the planning team. ACTION ITEM: Art will send Ingrid an overview of the duties in anticipation of her also helping with planning.

Liaison Reports

Capital Campaign. Mike reports that 84 volunteers are needed. Some chairs have been identified.

Partnership Church The Balzas Scholar representative will be the speaker at the weekend workshop.

OTW: There was animated discussion about the relationship between OUUC and OTW with an emphasis on clear expectations, MOA wording, clarification of city regulations and definitions. Mary-Walton enumerated specific changes that have been made. Bernie and Mike sought distinction of the role and scope of responsibility for each for each board. Changes and wording were generally agreed to in anticipation of presenting the MOA for congregational approval November 16.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2007 Budget: Pam Davidson presented the proposed budget with a projected \$40k shortfall. Tim asked that we identify the “musts” from “wants”. Personnel costs are vulnerable to cuts but there may be across-the-board cuts too. We reviewed factors is shortfall with lack of building rental identified as a big loss. ACTION ITEM: Ingrid will market the building on Craig’s list, etc. and will contact Darlene for information.

There was discussion of pros/cons of “second ask” and the possibility of members doing special gifts to pet projects. It was decided not to do a second ask at this time. Tim proposed we go with the budget as proposed and follow-up with a special board meeting next Thursday to balance the budget for presentation at the December congregational meeting. Tim asked the Board to consider three questions: Do I agree with Pam’s recommended cuts? How would I do a second/pet project ask? If I had the money, how would I spend it?

Mary-Walton asked that profits from Books, Beans and Brownies be allocated to OTW. The Board agreed.

Art read an appropriate, thoughtful closing and we adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully Submitted November 22, 2006

Tim Ransom, Pres.

Ingrid Kail, Sec.

Notes from Special Board Meeting November 16

Present: Tim Ransom, Shelley Ferer, Melissa Denton, Mike Harbour,
Bernie Brady, Samantha Ritchie, Harmon Eaton, Ingrid Kail
Stop By Art, Mary-Walton
Guest Pam Davidson

Comment: This was a special meeting so minutes, reports, and etc. were omitted but I thought it was such an important meeting that some notes should be made. ILK

OTW/OUUC MOA

After discussion of two issues of conflicting opinion regarding staff training at the shelter and responsibility for grounds maintenance, wording was clarified, negotiated and the MOA was agreed to for presentation at the congregational meeting November 17th.. Tim Ransom will sign for the OUUC Board and Mary-Walton for OTW.

BUDGET

There were two different projected incomes from which to build the budget. The Board worked from the more conservative. Once the line item reductions were identified and agreed to there be further discussion of special gifts to pet projects. Samantha urged that we give it a try. There was a question about what happens if one project is "over funded" as well as discussion of how this might impact the capital campaign. Answers are not apparent. Tim will solicit more info via email.

Cuts were agreed to, the budget balanced for now.

Adjourn 9:00