

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes June 10, 2009

Present: Rory McGregor, Susan Alison, Philip Conover, Wilbur Edwards, Valerie White, Bill Fox, Reverend Tricia Brennan, Kathy Farrell

Minutes BoT meeting minutes for April 8, April 11, May 3 and May 13 were approved.

Minister's Report Tricia noted some decline in reliability, although in conjunction w/ move efforts. She noted that space at the Congregational Church was working out well. She noted that Janet and Louise were working hard, and would like to find way to reward them. Decision to give \$100 gift certificate for a restaurant. Valerie and Tricia to give it to them. Susan commented on Janet's title should perhaps be changed. Board cited this as another reason for having a personnel committee.

Treasurer's Report Susan noted that the original budgeted \$25k deficit for 2008/2009 currently showed a \$24K deficit. But we may be able to pick up some of the missing \$14K in pledges. She'll prepare individual statements, give results to Rory to collect missing pledges.

Chairs meeting Wilbur Edwards submitted report.

Stewardship Philip noted that Stewardship had some pledges to pursue and some ambiguity in pledges for next year to clarify, e.g. whether or not pledge included UUA dues amount.

AIM Project - Request for authorization from Jack Armstrong- \$980K + 10% contingency. Budget now \$15k below capital campaign. Motion to approve AIM authorizations for Digando & attorney Joel Fishman(2k) 1,082,114 , which includes 10% contingency. Agree that can't write checks if we don't have the money in the checking account. \$2k for Joel Fishman is additional. The total may go down slightly for any furnace or lighting changes as long as no change orders increase it. The request was approved by the Board unanimously.

Motion to ratify contract with DiGando approved. Valerie assured the Board that bridge loan intent form will be signed.

Bill submitted a report on capital campaign pledges he thinks the pledge status looks good. Philip noted Tamsin's comment that capital campaigns of >3 yrs tended to have more slippage in 4th year. Valerie planned to send a thank you note to Tamsin for attending the ground breaking ceremony.

Miscellaneous

Discussion of Endowment Fund- Bill suggests that we merge the endowment fund w/ designated funds since endowment fund bylaws are complicated. Planting a seed for future action.

Valerie recommends that when hold meetings in future, e.g. bylaw changes, we should try to arrange for virtual meetings. Also for annual meeting use speaker phones, etc.

Board agreed to 6:30 Wed. July 8th dinner for BoT at Coriander. Philip will invite new Board members Julie Armstrong and Janet Limke.

GA Valerie White, Dan Huse will attend.

July meeting aim for 14th or 16th, Philip to check w/ Janet and Julie on when they can make it.

At Tricia's suggestion, the meeting concluded with comments of appreciation for Valerie White's leadership over the past five years.