

Minutes of TRUU Annual Meeting, May 23, 2010

Held at Carbondale Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Spence. With 21 voting members present, a quorum (11 persons) was established.

Bill noted that although this annual meeting has been noticed for many weeks, that prior notice of the specific elements of the meeting were not sent out within 15 days of this meeting. Ed Perregaux then made the following motion, requesting that the members waive, for this particular annual meeting, the section of our Bylaws, Article V Meetings, which states in part "The matters to be transacted at (annual meetings) shall be set forth in the notice of the meeting, which shall be sent to all members by mail or email, 15 days prior to the meeting." John Barbee asked to amend the motion, requesting distribution of the minutes of the meeting to all members. Ed accepted this amendment, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Bill mentioned the goals previously accepted by the congregation at our meeting on 3/14/10. Those goals are 1) Professional ministry for the coming year, with two visiting UU ministers each month. Robert Latham will continue to conduct services once a month, and a second minister is being sought. 2) A fine music program; 3) A paid RE director using UU educational material for youth and adult programs; 4) A stable meeting place in the Carbondale/ Basalt corridor. Such a place has not been definitely arranged, but the Third St. Center in Carbondale, the Waldorf School, and the Carbondale Town Hall were all possibilities. 5) A third meeting per month using UU program materials; 6) Active marketing and congregational growth.

Cathy Schermer will head the Program Committee, which will also include Nancy Barbee, Judy Bartels, and one of the Derringtons.

Sue Edelstein gave the Treasurer's report and distributed the proposed budget for the 2010-11 year. Sue and Cathy and Mike Schermer were recognized for their work on the pledge drive. To date, the pledge drive has totaled \$23,365 in pledges, plus an additional gift of \$10,000 given by Jim and Connie Calaway. This gift will be used toward the ministerial savings account, established for the time when we will be able to call a resident, one-half time minister.

There was a discussion about the reasons for ending the publication of The Liberal Light and relying instead on our energized website and email notifications. The question of how to communicate with people who don't use the internet was discussed. We also discussed the need to accommodate people with visual or other disabilities. Sue E. explained that we now have 32 members and that dues must be paid to UU for each member, but not for "friends." John Barbee asked if there was a minimum pledge for members, and Bill answered that there is not, noting that the average pledge for this

pledge drive was \$1,600, and that we have an obligation to help those who cannot be generous with their pledge. Ed Perregaux moved to accept the budget, Thelma Zabel seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously. The approved budget is shown on the page following these minutes.

Bill presented a slate of proposed members of the Board of Trustees, as recommended by the Nominating Committee, and suggested that members' terms be changed to 3-year terms. Herb Feinsinger moved to accept the change, and Ed Perregaux seconded. During discussion, John Barbee said we should have 2-year terms and 6-year term limits. Ed recommended that we accept the change for now and form a bylaw committee to study and propose changes to the bylaws. A vote was called, and the change in board terms was passed 11-7, with 3 abstentions.

After some discussion, the following revised slate of trustees was proposed: Board members with terms ending in 2011 are Thelma Zabel and Joanne Clements; ending in 2012 are Bill Spence, Mike Schermer and Trina Haines; ending in 2013 are Sue Coyle and Kathy Feinsinger.

Pat Girardot questioned why she hadn't been appointed to the board when she had volunteered to fill her husband's vacancy, and she was thanked for her willingness to serve. Bill noted that the past year had seen three resignations from the Board: Chris McCloskey, Brad Bailey, and Jan Girardot. Moreover, Cathy Schermer had been appointed to fill Judy Bartel's term, expiring this year. Thus, only three board members of the prior board had been elected: Mike Schermer, Bill Spence, and Joanne Clements. The Board had appointed the three remaining board members this year (Thelma Zabel, Sue Coyle, and Kathy Feinsinger). Thelma Zabel reminded the group that anyone could attend board meetings. Ed Perregaux said the congregation needs to be informed in advance of the agenda of board meetings.

Janver Derrington moved that the slate of board members be approved. Herb Feinzig seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

The next item was the election of a nominating committee, which will nominate future members for the board. The candidates for the nominating committee were Sue Edelstein, John Barbee, Judy Bartels and Cathy Schermer. A secret ballot of 21 votes determined that John, Judy and Cathy would form the new nominating committee.

Bill asked for ideas for achieving the mission of TRUU. Thelma Zabel said she would like to see more social action. Sue Edelstein mentioned the need for committees in the following areas: social action, religious exploration, caring, membership, and bylaws.

Following a discussion, Bill listed the needs expressed by the congregation for TRUU: outreach, transparency and good communication, participation of as many as possible,

creative fundraisers, more carpooling, adult R.E., and special topic meetings in small groups in various locations. It was suggested that some activities occur in Rifle, other down-valley locations, and in general to reach out to the Hispanic population.

Herb Feinzig said we need an outstanding RE program to draw in couples with young children.

Gary Zabel suggested that third Sunday programs be geographically varied.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Coyle, Secretary

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2010-2011 Proposed Budget

Income	
Carryover at End of FY	4,650
TRUU Income	0
Fundraisers (not pledg...	0
Grants	0
Miscellaneous Income	0
Pledges - Total	23,365
TRUU Plate	1,800
Expense	
TRUU Expenses	0
Administrative Costs	0
Annual Insurance ...	-800
Equipment for TRUU	0
Misc Filing and Ban...	-150
Office supplies	-240
PO Box	-46
Postage and Printing	-180
Search Process	-600
Communications (In Ki...	0
Extended Table	-200
Fundraisers	0
Leadership Development	-1,000
Religious Exploration (...)	0
RE Materials	-180
Teacher Training	-500
Space Rental 3x per m...	-2,050
Special Events	0
Summer Programs	-100
Sunday Service Costs ...	0
Advertising \$350 p...	-5,000
Flowers, Coffee, a...	-450
Music	-2,700
RE Teacher	-1,260
Sunday Speaker F...	-8,550
Third Sunday (except ...)	-1,300
Unanticipated Expenses	-1,949
UU Dues 32 Certified	0
MDD dues \$24 per	-768
UUA@ \$56	-1,792

Notes:

- 1) An additional \$10,000 pledge has been received from the Calaways to form the basis of our Ministerial Savings Account.
- 2) The goal is to be able to turn "unanticipated expenses" and any budget savings over to the Ministerial Savings Account at the end of the year.
- 3) Additional pledges are expected; these will be placed in the Ministerial Savings Account, but can be drawn upon at the discretion of the board.

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