

TRUU Board Meeting, Sept. 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Bill Spence, being held at the home of Bill Spence and Sue Edelstein. Board members present: Bill Spence, Kathy Feinsinger, Trina Haines, Sue Coyle, and Mike Schermer. Board members absent: Joanne Clements and Thelma Zabel. Others present: Cathy Schermer and Sue Edelstein.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

Sue E. reported that a money market account has been opened at Community Bank. She asked for a resolution to set up monthly transfers, when authorized, from a pledger's bank to the TRUU account. The motion was made and accepted. Sue E. then proposed that the Board pass a resolution that, in addition to supporting the Extended Table program with special collections each month containing a 5th Monday, any excess funds collected will support additional Social Justice activities to be determined by the Social Justice committee. The proposal was discussed and accepted unanimously.

Sue E. further reported that TRUU has, as of 9/6/2010, a balance of \$24,001.44 in money market funds and \$1,540.34 in the TRUU checking account.

Cathy S. announced a "farewell event" for Skipper and John Taylor following next Sunday's service. The Taylors are moving to California.

Bill said we need volunteers to host Gretchen and Robert on weekends when they are in the area. Sue Coyle said she could host, and Kathy F. said she could also host, but that her house was not suited to small children.

Bill also noted a need for board members/ guests to act as Service Leader.

There followed a discussion regarding the idea of hiring a "communications aide" to prepare the bulletin for each service. Sue E. will advertise the position, with the amount of remuneration to be determined. Trina will continue to manage the web site.

Sue E. proposed that we have only monthly email reminders of services. Following a discussion, it was decided that there would be a group email sent out monthly summarizing services/ activities for each upcoming month. This

email will also note birthdays occurring that month. There will also be a brief reminder sent out prior to each service.

We will continue the Joys and Concerns table, and the attending minister will have the discretion about what is said. As appropriate, emails will be sent out advising the need for help and/or support for members/ friends.

Cathy S. reported that the format for Third Sundays would be that attendees gather in a circle for the chalice lighting and readings. They will then break up into two smaller discussion groups. Gretchen will assist by providing questions for discussion.

We will probably not have paid child care for these Sundays but will rely on volunteers.

Bill announced that Robert Latham and Gretchen Haley have scheduled three educational workshops this fall, to be held as follows:

Sunday, Sept. 26, 11:30 AM --1:00 PM, workshop with Gretchen.

Saturday, Oct. 9, 2:00 PM—5:00 PM, workshop with Robert

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2:00 PM—5:00 PM, workshop with Gretchen

These workshops are open to all members/ friends and will be held at Bridges High School in Carbondale. Gretchen and Robert will provide details about the topics for each workshop. Bill Spence encouraged everyone to attend.

October 24 will be “Membership Sunday.”

In addition, Robert has volunteered to provide two additional workshops: one on UU leadership and one to help with the pledge campaign. Gretchen also has volunteered to provide springs workshops, perhaps on related themes as well as UU history and identity.

Pledge campaign:

Sue E. said the pledge campaign should be completed in time for our annual meeting in May. Following a discussion, it was decided that the pledge campaign will begin with Robert’s service on Feb. 13, and the results will be announced at the service on March 27. Robert will do pledge training on Jan. 8.

Bill inquired whether the Bridges space was appropriate for potluck suppers, and it was decided that it would work for meals consisting of “finger food.”

Bill announced that Nancy Bowen would like to attend the next Board meeting, which will be Monday, 4 P.M. He also noted that November is the deadline for a Chalice Lighter Grant.

Sue Coyle mentioned that, in light of the current events regarding Muslims in our country, the Social Justice committee might plan an event educating people about Muslim beliefs. Mike S. suggested we could have a speaker and invite community members to attend. Sue E. suggested partnering with the Roaring Fork Cultural Council.

Bill presented “The Seven Principles of Vital UU Congregations,” a document developed by the UU Growth Consultation. Those principles are as follows:

- 1) The Congregation has a clear and powerful Purpose and Mission.
- 2) The Congregation is aware of & responsive to the world around it.
- 3) There is vital worship and a vital Sunday experience for all ages.
- 4) Church is done well (referring to administration and leadership.)
- 5) The Congregation cultivates religious community.
- 6) The Congregation builds skills to lead and nurtures gifts to serve.
- 7) Strong ministerial leadership supports the fulfillment of the previous six principles.

There followed a discussion regarding various committees. Trina will be the board liaison for the Caring Committee and said Sean Jeung will participate. Trina mentioned putting a small, inexpensive TRUU ad on Facebook and she will look into the cost.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Coyle, Secretary