

TRUU BOT MEETING
Dec. 5, 2011

The TRUU Board of Trustees met on 12/5/11 at the Third Street Center in Carbondale. Attending the meeting were Thelma Zabel, Mike Schermer, Trina Haines, Sue Coyle, Cathy Schermer, Kathy Feinsinger, Gretchen Haley, and Leo McKinney.

The meeting was opened with a reading by Gretchen.

Cathy Schermer handed out pages regarding meaning of “governance” and the duties of governance. That was followed by a discussion regarding the role of Board members..

Cathy S. read the definition of a “mission” from the book “Governance and Ministry.” “Good mission statements make clear what good the congregation means to do, whom it hopes to benefit and how, and what it claims as its central principles or values. Articulating mission is the central role of governance.”

The Leadership Development Committee will write a draft of job descriptions of Board members which will be presented to the BOT for approval.

Cathy S. continued, on March 4 the LDC will put on a workshop for potential leaders. The workshop, “Growing Yourself to be a Spiritual Leader,” will be held after the service.

Thelma reported on the visioning experience held at the Palmer’s home. Thelma said the core group will meet again and that about 50 people are needed to do the appreciative inquiry process. The priority is families with young children. From the collected stories will merge general themes about what’s important to the people interviewed. There will be a follow-up get-together in mid- February to discuss these themes and to form task forces.

There will be upcoming events to create “brain-storming” and budget planning.

Gretchen gave the Minister's report and asked for support for the Winter Solstice event on Dec.18 at Third St. Center.

There will be an orientation for solstice event hosts right after the service on 12/18.

Trina will do an e-vite for the event and posters will be put up around town.

A speaker from the ACLU in Denver is tentatively planned for Jan. 15.

Treasurer's report: 49% of pledges have been collected.

Thelma said we will try to improve on plate on second Sundays, and Pat said we are doing well on expenses.

Minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's report were unanimously approved.

Pat said he is still looking into the possibility of MDD paying Gretchen's salary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Coyle, Secretary