



June 2014 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: 2013-2014 board members: Chris May, Jo Shaffer, Charissa Thacker, Ken Sizemore, Ruby Jo Faust; **incoming 2014-2015 board members:** Cheryl Kellogg, Diane Mouskourie, Bob Nixon, Dan Cross, Charissa Thacker lit chalice as Jo Shaffer called meeting to order. Minutes from the May meeting were read. Ken moved for acceptance, Charissa seconded.

Unanimously approved.

Ken Sizemore reviewed the treasurer's report. He reminded everyone that new signature cards needed to be signed by incoming board members, which would be made available at the July meeting. He then reviewed the final budget line by line. Board members were advised that the 2014-2015 budget will be extremely tight with little room for changes. The board thanked him for his 12 years of service. Jo Shaffer led a discussion on how the board can be more creative in its fundraising events. Although fundraising dinners have been successful in the past a new approach is needed. Jo said the board needs to take a more annual approach in its efforts to raise money and try to schedule events so that they do not coincide with other community events. She also mentioned that new Resource Development committee will be taking this topic under consideration. The plan would include four major fundraising events through the course of the year.

There was a discussion about the marketing plan development. Jo showed everyone the new logos for UU of Bay County and all UU BYILD correspondence and communications materials. The idea is to have more cohesive marketing materials

that are consistent in presentation. There was some discussion about the urgent needs for brochures to present to new members as well as for marketing and fundraising purposes. Charissa agreed to look into production costs.

Bob Gilmore announced to the board that he would no longer be available to coordinate events for BYILD because he would be out of town for several months. He asked the board to recruit someone to take his place, He said he would continue to help when he was available.

Charissa Thacker announced that she has ordered new signs for the handicapped parking and smoking areas.

The meeting was adjourned temporarily at 7 p.m. to join the Mens' Small Group for dinner. Members of the group provided the board a potluck supper in celebration of the group's one-year anniversary.

The meeting was recalled to order at 7:30 p.m.

There was some discussion of what to do with the possibility of a donated 1993 van, whether it was worth taking and what to do with it if we did. Suggestions included selling it, donating to a needed member of congregation or even raffling it off. No decision was made for lack of information. Jo said it shall be discussed again at the July meeting.

Jo reviewed the creation of the Leadership Development committee, formerly the nominating committee. She said she'd like to see the membership classes tied to leadership classes and hopes to develop a way to match members' interests to the various committees so that more members might get involved.

After some discussion about the creation of a Spiral Scouts Circle Charter at the fellowship, Charissa Thacker moved that the board pay the \$50 application fee and allow the newly formed group to conduct fundraising events. Chris May seconded. Unanimously approved.

Board members discussed various ways to advertise the congregation's summer camp, facility rentals. No decisions made.

After some discussion the board revisited some of the outstanding needs of the congregation that could possibly be funded through the 2013-2014 budget since

there were some line items that had unused money. There was discussion about the need for a new water heater, upgrades to the sound system and printing brochures. Ken Sizemore moved that the board designate \$3,000 from the 2013-2014 budget to be set aside for the purchase of sound system components, purchase and installation of a new water and pay for production of UU brochures.

Chris May seconded the motion. Board approved unanimously.

In addition, \$1,240 would be set aside from the from the Social Justice 2013-2014 budget that had been earmarked for previously specified uses by the board of directors.

Unanimously approved.

Once the discussion of finances was complete the board unanimously approved the treasurer's report.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting: July 22, 2014; 6:30 p.m.