

UUF of Burlington Minutes: October 18, 2006

Present: Roger Mohr, Linda Gidley, Carolyn West, Rick Johnson, Lori Strait, Amy Oetken, & Marek Patejak

Minutes from the September 20th meeting were emailed by Amy to each council member previous to this meeting. Carolyn motioned that the minutes be approved, Lori seconded, motion carried.

The evening's agenda was distributed. Amy motioned that the agenda be approved, Lori seconded, motion carried.

1) Treasurer's Report presented by Rick Johnson

The council was presented with the budget through the end of September 2006. Income is currently \$3,087.50 ahead of the projected budget, while expenses are approximately \$3,600.00 over the estimation. Once again, this is not a concern as donations for the expense of new chairs for the fellowship continue. Rick reassured the council that everything is adhering to budget.

A motion was made to approve the budget. Lori moved to accept the motion, Rick seconded, motion carried.

Linda thanked Rick for always doing such a great, timely job as treasurer.

2) Minister's Report presented by Roger Mohr

Roger performed three Sunday services in October, and is encouraged by the fact that attendance seems to be on a steady rise. While 30 people were present for the October 1st "A Little Harmless B rain Alteration"; 36 attended the October 15th service entitled "The Ten (Unamerican) Commandments.

During October, Roger also attended a three day church emotional systems workshop, finalized plans for the Start-up, and led a youth group field trip to Dancing Rabbit Eco-Village.

A motion was made to approve the minister's report. Rick moved to accept the motion, Carolyn seconded, motion carried.

Rick thanked Roger for preparing these detailed monthly reports for the council.

3) Miscellaneous Reports

The Metaphysical Fair is set for Saturday, October 21st. Everything is planned and in order with volunteers hoping for a good turnout for this new and fun event.

It was mentioned that the fellowship needs to be thinking about being involved with the preparation and serving of the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals at the Salvation Army. Rumor seems to have it that the Unitarian Church in Burlington has a reputation for assisting the needy.

4) Old Business - There was no Old Business to report.

5) New Business

a. Council and potluck It was brought to Linda's attention that usually when the church holds a potluck for various events, the council provides the meat. Being unsure as to what prompted this comment, the council will address each potluck as it happens.

b. Keokuk Room Rental Tabled until the next meeting

c. Data Tracking Roger would like to start tracking income in respect with Sunday attendance trends. Some types of services definitely attract more of a crowd which in turn increases the fellowship's weekly income. The council agreed that this is worth Roger's time to investigate.

d. Operations group Roger has contacted 9-10 people who he felt would be top candidates for the operations group. He has received a good response and they are set to meet on Monday, October 23rd. One of the purposes of this group would be to lessen the burden of miscellaneous odd jobs needing done for the church building as well as the fellowship. These tasks could be made enjoyable with creative and innovative ideas.

e. Council review of issues As council meetings become established in a more streamlined routine, it would be nice as time permits to review some of the council's long-term, meaningful goals and plans. These would include building use policy, safe congregation policy, communications policy, bylaws, investment policies, and the vision/mission of the fellowship. Council members will choose a topic for each meeting as time allows and give a presentation pertaining to that area.

6) Adjournment at 7:30 p.m.

Rick moved that we adjourn; seconded by Lori, all approved.

Next meeting: November 15th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd Wednesday of the month)