

UUF of Burlington Minutes: December 20, 2006

Present: Roger Mohr, Linda Gidley, Carolyn West, Rick Johnson, Lori Strait, Amy Oetken & Ben Moser.

The council received this evening's agenda. Rick motioned that the agenda be approved, Lori seconded, motion carried.

Minutes from the November 15th meeting were emailed by Amy to each council member previous to this meeting. Rick motioned that the minutes be approved, Ben seconded, motion carried.

NOTE: Earlier in the day of December 20th, council members were informed that the UU meeting house boiler was history. It had been discovered that water was filling the boiler area of the basement. John Dahl, a local boiler expert, agreed to check the situation out. As he waded through the water, it became apparent that a return pump had stopped functioning, therefore the water was not being pumped into the boiler. As the waterless boiler continued to attempt to heat, it grew so hot that it cracked. (More discussion to follow under old business.)

1) Treasurer's Report presented by Rick Johnson

The budget report reflected no real "red spots." Income continues to be ahead of the projected amount due to year-end contributions. A more detailed report on the expenditures for the year will be presented to the board at the January meeting. Total cash money available for emergency use is \$15,500.00 in checking and \$16,350.00 in savings. It now appears that at least a portion of the money will be put to use for a new heating/air conditioning system.

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

2) Minister's Report presented by Roger Mohr

As attendance continues to rise, the congregation may need to anticipate work which will need to be performed to accommodate new members. This includes seating, as well as the possibility of two morning services instead of one.

From November 19th to December 17th, Roger created and performed five Sunday services, led the drum circle group (12 people attended), performed one wedding ceremony, and hosted "Dinner-and-a-Movie" (20 people attended). He also created and led the new member classes, anticipating six to ten new members for the January 7th welcoming ceremony, including Roger and Lisa.

3) Operational Group Report

The council was presented with minutes from the December 4th Operational Group meeting. This new group is functioning and working very well. An important item on their agenda is creating a "transportation volunteer list." A sign up sheet will be made available and any help with this effort will be appreciated.

4) Miscellaneous Reports

The Social Concerns committee reports that the UU Fellowship is responsible for serving the Christmas Eve meal at the Salvation Army. Participation in this event has in the past been excellent. The schedule for next year is already available. Volunteers can

mark their calendars for April 8th (Easter Sunday), November 25th (Thanksgiving), and December 23rd. The new meal time for next year will be 4:00 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m. The new Fellowship directories are finished and are impressive. They will be made available at Sunday services for members to take home. Lori would like to include a survey in the directories being mailed in order to determine if these individuals are interested in receiving a 2008 directory.

#### 5) Old Business

The UU Fellowship float in the Lighted Holiday parade went over very well. The cost for the float was under \$30.00 and all who participated had fun doing it. It's reported that attendance for this year's parade was the largest ever, probably due to the warm weather (or the UU float).

As previously noted, the boiler at the meeting house has expired. It was explained in the November 15th minutes that Arnold Refrigeration was the low bidder (by \$1500.00) for a new heating/air conditioning system suitable for our needs. They will not be able to actually begin installation of the new furnaces until December 26th, therefore a temporary electric furnace will be provided to keep the meeting house warm until that time. Construction of a room upstairs to house that furnace will need to be completed. There are also miscellaneous decisions to make involving the downstairs furnace installation. It was decided to establish an account at Lowe's for construction materials which will be needed.

Financing for the new system is now a priority. The plan is to take half of the amount needed from the capital fund. The remaining \$8,500.00 would be provided by a loan. Three local financial institutions were investigated, with Casebine Credit Union providing the best interest rate at 6.2%. We can borrow against our \$10,000 CD which is at Casebine. Linda is empowered to sign the note at Casebine. A motion was made to approve the \$8,500.00 loan from Casebine Credit Union for 36 months. Rick approved the motion, Lori seconded, motion approved.

Replenishing the capital fund will now be a priority. Hopefully the improved comfort zone provided by the new system will be an incentive at fund drive time.

#### 6) New Business

Roger approached the council concerning the development of a consulting practice which he would like to provide on a part-time basis. Some discussion was held and it was determined that it would only be a conflict if there was overlapping clientele between his fellowship ministry and the consulting practice.

#### 7) Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

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

Next meeting: January 17th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd Wednesday of the month)