

SPECIAL TUUC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING—May 25, 2010

Trustees Present: Anysley Hamel; Paul Konka; Catherine Morris; Mike Robinson; Carel Hedlund; Kay Terry (Non-Voting), Rev. Clare Petersberger, ex officio.

Not Present: Melissa Reuland, Sue Shankroff

Also Present: Tom Farrell, Committee on Ministry; Joan Kolobielski

The purpose of this Special Meeting was to discuss the next steps in Long-term Planning, how TUUC can better nurture our connections with members who are seniors, the Board's planning priorities, and Reverend Clare Petersberger's ministerial goals. We also used this meeting to prepare for the TUUC Annual Meeting on June 6.

President Catherine Morris opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Opening Words: Rev. Clare asked us to think about the words of a Kansas Unitarian minister who said: we must not only wonder "who am I?", but "whose am I?" We must extend our beings beyond our selves to the lives of those we affect. Our purpose has to be saving lives and transforming lives.

Outreach to TUUC Seniors: Catherine pointed out that the third goal of our long-term plan is to "establish and nurture our connections." One of the objectives under that goal is to "reach out to the aging among us." Joan Kolobielski, the initiator of the TUUC "Aging Among Us" group spoke of the urgent need to see that seniors feel welcome in church activities. She thanked past-President Linda Talley, Allan Thorn, Irvin Grief, Margaret Ingram and Helen Smith for their support.

Joan feels that "we don't expect enough of our members" and wondered if we challenge seniors to participate. She recommends that TUUC have more Sunday services that are relevant to seniors, (e.g., "serious topics.") and that we set a priority to welcome those who are returning to services after long absences. She stressed the need to strengthen the Caring Committee and its "buddy system" and to make access easier for members with disabilities, especially those using wheel chairs. The Board agreed and Catherine suggested that TUUC's outreach to seniors be a topic at the Retreat this summer.

The Aging Among Us Group meets monthly to share and all are welcome. The next meeting will be June 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Retreat: Mike Robinson will "doodle" (poll by computer software) all Board members and others to see what dates work best and notify everybody.

Long Term Plan Priorities: We next reviewed the Goals set forth in the Long Term Plan and discussed how Rev. Clare's goals fit with them. We then set priorities for each Objective within each Goal.

Goal #1: Achieve Financial Stability.

Priority Objectives:

Contract with a long term renter for downstairs space

Establish the Stewardship committee as a year-round committee
and achieve 100% pledging and in payment of pledges.

Goal #2: Maintain and Improve Our Physical Infrastructure.

Priority Objective:

Improve disability access (we have to find a Chairman for the House and
Grounds Council and get to work)

Goal #3: Establish and Nurture Our Connections.

Priority Objective:

Activate Gifts-based Ministries to better understand our needs and
gifts (as an umbrella needed to accomplish the other objectives).

Focus on reaching out to the aging among us.

Goal #4: Support Growth and Cultural Diversity

Priority Objective:

Develop a clear path to membership, and increase new
members' involvement.

Congregational Meeting: To be held on Sunday, June 6. The Agenda includes approval of a budget for FY 10-11, election of new leaders, and consideration of a proposed Bylaws change to make the Secretary a voting member of the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Kay Terry, Secretary

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