# **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**Southwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference Glen Rose, TX

**November 11, 2011** 

# I. Welcome & Worship

A. Call to Order by Kevin Bolton, President

1:08 PM

B. Opening Reading by Gaye Webb

"Simple Pleasures" by David Rankin

C. Board Check in

Present: Kevin Bolton, President (12) Rev. Mark Walz, Director (12)

Patti Withers, Vice President (12) Dick Hildenbrand, Director (12)

Gaye Webb, Treasurer (13) June Hartley, Director (12)

Mark Anderson, Secretary (13) Rev. Jim Vanderweele, Director

Donna Harrison, UUA Trustee (14)

Mary K Isaacs, Director (14)

Carrie Stewart, Director (14)

Ex officio: Rev. Susan Smith, District Executive Jennifer Nichols, District Director

Lifespan Faith

Development

Openings: Youth Trustee Youth Observer

Visitors: Connie Nolen, District Staff Kelly Connor

Kenn Hurto, Regional Lead

D. Process Observer – Donna Harrison & Carrie Stewart

E. Check-in

F. Covenant Review and Affirmation – Donna Harrison

Note: We need to get the newest version onto the SWUUC website

#### II. Announcements

- ARE Conference February 17-19 @ First Jefferson
- Kevin will distribute information regarding NTAUUS events

# **III. Approval of Minutes (Consent Agenda)**

- Motion to approve Minutes
  - o Moved by Patti, Second by Dick, no objections

# **IV. Bylaws Change – UUA Trustee**

- Patti will review changes.
- Motion to include in agenda for 2012 annual meeting the bylaws changes to remove language of UUA trustee. Donna and Patti to provide text.
  - Moved by Donna, Second by Dick, no objections

# v. Executive Director's Report

### A. Monitoring Report

- Discussion of Association Sunday comment with regards to Memphis. Harlan would say that policy has not changed, but it appears that conversation has.
- Motion to accept Monitoring Report as presented.
  - o Moved by Gaye, Second by Kevin, no objections

#### B. IRS Letter

The IRS letter is being followed up, discussion is ongoing.

#### C. Youth Trustee

- Motion to appoint Kelly Connor as Youth Trustee until our Annual Meeting in April or until a successor is elected.
  - Moved by Mark, Second by Carrie, approved
- Directed Mark to issue deadline of December 15 for youth observer we have enough members from Live Oak.

## D. Conflict

More conflicts than normal in district and nationally – possibly related to US election cycle

# E. Regionalization

- Review of regional staff portfolios (repeat of information from August meeting)
- At some point in the future (1.5 2 years) there will be no need for title of "DE"
- Kenn Hurto is the Regional Lead and has become supervisor of other regional staff
- Other 3 districts in the region are reducing their boards to 5 people, fulfilling the fiduciary role with officers and DE.
  - Circle of elders provides place for others to serve adjuncts to staff, appointed by DE and graduate of DBLE

 APF (Annual Program Fund) - Region is doing the trial because traditionally we are the best performers

# VI. Monitoring Reports

- 4.10 done in February. In compliance then, still in compliance
- 4 first monitoring since 2009. Done now to catch up. Movement towards compliance, but not there. Big question regarding ends.
  - Other 3 District Executives are not monitoring ends. Discussion needs to be included on retreat agenda.
- Motion to accept the Monitoring Reports as presented by the Governance Committee
  - Moved by Patti, Second by Mary K, no objections/abstentions

# **VII.Draft Policy (Co-Mingling Funds)**

- Motion to approve draft policy from Southern Region workgroup on financial issues.
  - Moved by Patti, Second by Jim, no objections/abstentions
  - May be inserted as 2.7.5 to be determined by the policy working group.

## **VIII.Gathered Here Initiative**

- Will experience at retreat
- Rev. Mark and Rev. Jim volunteered to facilitate, but not at the retreat

## **IX. Discussion of Evening Reception**

was nothing said? leaving blank looks odd

# x. Process Observer Report

- Donna Harrison
  - Agenda needs to be distributed on time
  - Difficult to prepare package needs to come together sooner
  - Temptation to work on means during meeting
  - Clarity on goals by agenda section is needed
- Jennifer Nichols
  - No gesture of mentorship to Kelly
- Mark Anderson
  - Phone call in early January will be useful
- Mark Walz
  - Best of all boards he's been on

# XI. Meeting adjourned

Closing reading by June Hartley from Robert T. Dick

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Anderson, Secretary