

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta Board of Trustees**

**June 28, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

**Room 209-10**

**Call to Order/Organizational Matters** - Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. In attendance were Marshall Orson, President, Ellen Beattie, President-Elect, Cyndi McFarland, Secretary, Beth Valentine, Clarke Weeks, Conrado Marion-Landais, Eric Pohl, Jerry Moore, Joetta Prost, Kristen Indermark, Pam Kilmer, Penni Dudley, and Rev. Anthony David, Executive, Scott Howell, Executive Director.

**Chalice Lighting** – Cyndi McFarland

The Lord's Prayer (A Translation from Aramaic)

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your Presence here.

Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form.

Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.

Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.

Help us not to forget our Source.

Yet free us from not being in the Present.

From you arises every Vision, Power and Song, from gathering to gathering.

Amen: may our future actions grow from here!

**Finalize Agenda** – No changes were made to the Meeting's agenda.

**Review Minutes from May 2010** – The minutes were approved via e-mail prior to the meeting.

**Board Covenant** – The revised Board Covenant was approved and signed. It will be posted on the BOT Yahoo Group.

**Review of Board Retreat** – Marshall thanked the Board for a successful retreat, especially for the great input into the Wisdom Conversation topics.

**By-Laws and Policies Committee (Kristen, Penni, Jerry and Cyndi)** – Kristen reported that the committee is still in the information gathering phase with regard to the Absentee Voting surveys and will have a proposal to the Board in August or September. The Resolution on Resolutions policy that the Executive developed and adopted is being reviewed by the By-Laws committee for consistency with the current by-laws. The committee will bring any recommendations to the Board at the end of the summer.

**Congregational Life Committee (Eric, Conrado, Pam and Beth)**– Eric reported that three non-Board members will be asked to join the committee and that forming Focus Groups to take the pulse of the congregation will be the first task of the committee. Focus Groups topics have yet to be determined, but some of the Wisdom Conversation topics may be used as well. Marshall suggested using some of the UUCA Affinity Groups as Focus Groups first.

There was some discussion about our lack of knowledge of the groups we have at UUCA and their purpose. Although there is published information about the Affinity Groups available, we may want Affinity Group representatives to come to the Board meetings in the future to give a little report on what their group is about.

**Finance Report:** Scott Howell presented the financial report for May. Revenue is in line and a little ahead of budgeted data. Expenses YTD are also in line with approved operating budget.

**Reporting:** Scott reported that he has been working to create simpler, clearer financial reports for the Board. Adding seasonality to the Month to Date & Year to Date projections is still in the works.

**Misc:** Planning for the Stewardship Campaign has begun and all Board members will have a part in it.

**Executive Report** – The Board received Anthony’s report as submitted with further explanation given on official Faith in Action Groups, the UU Identity Initiative, and the Sustainability Team Consolidation. To prevent possible confusion with Board policies, a suggestion was made to use a comparable word to “policy” when referring to documents developed by the Executive i.e., UUCA Fundraising Policies and Procedures.

**Wisdom Conversations** – The Faith 20/20 Report – “Thirteen Trends and Forces Affecting the Future of Faith Formation in a Changing Church and World” and “Envisioning the Future: Four Scenarios for the Future of Faith Formation in 2020”.

**Other Business** – Marshall shared his experiences at GA and expressed a concern that value was placed on the individual delegates to GA as opposed to the value of the congregations represented at GA. There seemed to be a lack of opportunity for congregations to connect with each other as well as for the delegates from the individual congregations to connect with each other. Based on his experience he would like for the Board to think of ways UUCA can connect with other large congregations. Large congregations have the ability to have a huge influence on the denomination at the GA level if we can mobilize ourselves properly.

We agreed to e-mail Clarke with our preferences for name tag design/color.

**Adjourn** – 9:08pm

**Next Meeting** – July 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

**Chalice Lighter** - Conrado