

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta Board of Trustees

January 08, 2009 Minutes

UUCA is a community of faith that encourages and supports our individual spiritual quests out of which we act together for social justice.

The Board governs through set policies and will act on behalf of the congregation to further the congregation's mission and chosen Ends. Accordingly,

1. The Board is the link between the Executive and the congregation.
2. The Board produces written governing policies that, at the broadest levels, address each category of organizational decision: Ends, Executive Limitations, Board Governance, and Board-Executive Linkage
3. The Board will assure Executive performance in compliance with the Ends and Executive Limitations polices.

Attendance *Meetings are open and held at UUCA in room 209/210 at 7:00 pm on 1st Thursdays each month*

Board Members Present:	Doug Abell; Shirley Adams; Michael Dangerfield, Secretary; Laura de Castro, Pres. Elect; John Guyton, CFO; Gordon Love; Marshall Orson; DeAnn Peterson, President; Mary Sherman; Dave Smith; Laura Yamashita, Finance Trustee;
Board Members Absent:	
Staff Present	Rev. Anthony David
Guests or other congregants present:	Ron Davis
Chalice:	Mary Sherman
Minutes:	Michael Dangerfield
Process Observer:	Gordon Love

Information *Reports are emailed in advance and further discussed as needed at meeting.*

Minutes from prior meeting:	Approved via email and already posted to website. Congregational minutes need approval.
NLDC Report:	Doug Abell reported that NLDC members are meeting with UUCA staff, President and President-Elect in January to obtain recommendations for candidates for upcoming Board and NLDC openings. NLDC holds its next meeting on 1/19/09. Also repeated call for "What it Means to be on the Board" thoughts from Board members, to use in NLDC recruitment. Next "Above Board" article will be written by Doug, and he's writing about rewards of being on the Board. (Needs our input by Jan. 12.)
Bylaws Team Report:	DeAnn defers this time to the ByLaws discussion.
Ends Team Report:	Laura Yamashita told about activities in December, tables after services and at the Arts & Crafts Sale, "Gifts to the World" skit for Congregational Meeting. All were well received.
Local Development Plans:	Apartment redevelopment off N. Druid & Briarcliff (by Sembler) has not been pursued.
Audit Team Report:	None this month.
Finance Report :	John Guyton says Sherri predicts we will end strong. Strategy for addressing 2008 budget looks like it will pay off. In December we were at \$865k on 2009 Pledge Drive, only 2% below 2008 pledges which is impressive given economic conditions.
Executive Report:	Distributed via email. Anthony has file of items that relate to safety issues, and needs to pause on pursuing incorporating them into policy due to pressing issues like Development Director search.
ByLaws Review:	Mary Sherman delivered 2 documents via email to review: Background info & ByLaws change proposals prepared by Ron Davis. Ron recommends our suggested changes be reviewed by an expert in non-profit corporate law.
Multimedia presentation:	Anthony discussed plan to install multimedia system, financed by Growth Initiatives Fund. Believes it supports technology interests of Ed Silver whose estate constitutes most of Fund. This is an upgrade that would make UUCA more appealing as rental space. Video cameras would be installed for easy recording of services or events. Would use sparingly at first, get members acquainted gradually.

Decisions

Work Plan:	ByLaws suggestions: Article II. Purpose: Retain (a) & (b) but lose Ends Statements. Article IV. Authority: rephrase (g) to except funds designated to the Growth Initiatives Fund? Decide if we want undesignated gifts destination determined by ByLaws or new policy.
Work Plan:	SPECIAL MEETING January 29 for focused discussion on ByLaws Review . We need to have final vote by April Board meeting so there's time for congregational input before May congregational meeting.
Motion:	Board acknowledged Anthony's consultation on Multimedia system installation, funded by Growth Initiatives Fund.