

Saltwater UU Church Board of Directors
Business Meeting & Retreat
January 20, 2007
9:00 AM

Present: Parman-Bethard, Young, Radak, Gilbert, Coleman, Lopez-Stuit, Kubal-Komoto
Others Present: Jay Bollman

Business Meeting:

1. **Minutes from the 12-17 Board of Directors Meeting.** Motion to approve by Radak, Seconded by Young. Approved unanimously.
2. **Interim Treasurer Appointment:** Motion by Gilbert to appoint Carol Brown as Interim Treasurer. Seconded by Young. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Monthly reports:** Reports from the President and the Minister were submitted in the board packet.
4. **Sunday Service Cancellation:** There was no feedback on the cancellation of Sunday services due to inclement weather. The phone notification service worked fabulously. The cost of a phone notification to the entire congregation is about \$20.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Financial reports are delayed because of transition of treasurer duties and weather issues
6. **Stewardship Report:**
 - a. \$170,000 in pledges for 2007
 - b. 144 pledging members, 9 friends
 - c. Letters to 6 families that have not yet pledged went out this week.
 - d. The board should visit the stewardship process at a future meeting: we need to develop consistency in experience from year to year.
 - i. Coleman suggested that we need to adopt a known model for stewardship.
 - ii. Kubal-Komoto suggested that we should have a model where the chair would be supported by a chair-in-training would be a good thing
 - iii. Parman-Bethard commented that we need a model for volunteering and transition for all board committees.
7. **Board Secretary position**
 - a. Catherine Fisher has resigned from the Secretary position
 - b. Young moved that Jeff Lopez-Stuit be appointed secretary. Seconded by Gilbert. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Retreat:

- 8. PNWD Annual General Assembly meeting:** Discussion regarding this meeting February 16-18, 2007; James will attend as a ministerial delegate; Pat and Kristen will attend; District will pay \$75 per delegate to reduce travel costs.
 - a. Motion by Gilbert to authorize Parman-Bethard to appoint three delegates. Second by Young. Motion passed unanimously
 - b. Saltwater UU is participating in the co-hosting of the 2008 PNWD GA meeting. It will probably be located in downtown Tacoma.
- 9. Donating Sunday plate offerings to non-Saltwater causes on a regular basis**
 - a. The current proposal is to donate ½ of plate offerings at specific times.
 - b. Possible standards for organizations to be designated to receive donations
 - i. Registered as a non-profit organization with the IRS
 - ii. Mission of the organization is in alignment with UU values and principles
 - iii. Organization should be located in south King County
 - c. How often should offerings be donated? Do month-to-month. There will be no shortage of organizations to donate to.
 - d. Suggestion: ½ of every collection plate during the month goes to the designated organization unless another % is specifically designated by the member when they give their offering.
 - e. Lopez-Stuit and Coleman will draft a process & policy document and nomination forms for review at the February 8 board meeting.
- 10. Covenant of Right Relations**
 - a. After considerable discussion it was decided that this committee would be called the Healthy Congregations Team, and will be chaired by Jay Bollman. Jay will call the team together and report back at the March board meeting.
- 11. Assignments out of the retreat:**
 - a. Young will produce Board notes for Scroll
 - b. Gilbert will produce a financial report for the Scroll
 - c. Lopez-Stuit and Coleman will produce a draft process & policy on contributing ½ of each month's plate.
- 12. Topics for next board meeting**
 - a. Plate offering contribution process and policy
 - b. Transition of fiscal year
 - c. Next steps for committee on right relations
 - d. Feedback on deep listening session for youth.
 - e. Should we have a youth choir? Refer this topic to the music committee and get a report back.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

