

CHANNING CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 12, 2009

PRESENT: Russ Milham, Coles Mallory, Don Mallinson, Kim Shute, Sarah Mermin, Kelly Bailey, Chris Laudon, Bill Hawkin, Chris Yalanis and Susan VanDerhoof

STAFF: Rev. Amy Freedman and Halcyon Westall

GUESTS: Ruth Jernigan, Beth Milham

PROCESS OBSERVER: Don Mallinson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The April Board Minutes were approved. Russ moved and Kelly seconded.

PROPERTY – Chris Laudon

David Pedrick has been working on finalizing the Gnazzo Co. contract. It should be signed shortly. Gnazzo is working with people constructing scaffolding to design that. The crane, police and electric company needs to be coordinated for May 21st to take the bells down. Chris L has spoken twice to the city engineer then she will go to the Elks to talk about the burm and the parking spaces. Our tenants are leaving on May 28th, but it seems that we have new tenants. Thank you to Halcyon for organizing a group to move our tree peonies.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – Don Mallinson

We have \$167,000 and change in annual canvass. We could exceed last year's pledge goal. The Capital Campaign is at \$383,000 and change. The Capital Campaign has already received \$101,121.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Coles

The budget, as presented by the Finance Committee for the coming 2009 – 2010 fiscal year was approved unanimously without discussion. Russ moved and Don seconded.

MINISTER'S REPORT – Amy

Amy announced that there will be a calendar planning meeting on Sunday, June 14th after church at 11:30.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – Don

Don presented a proposal to form a stewardship committee. They haven't had their first meeting yet, but have discussed what they'd like to do. The committee would filter all the ideas that people have and watch for conflicts and the concreteness of each idea. There are currently 4

members and it is growing. Rather than conducting all the fundraising, they will monitor and coordinate fundraising efforts that go on at the church. Planned giving would also come under the committee. Ruth suggested that they would canvass new members.

There was some discussion about the B&B idea in member's homes. Amy said that it is too late to do that since we should have advertised in UU World, etc. Don said that ideas can get started while the Stewardship Committee is getting started and that there will be a sign-up sheet at the Annual Meeting. Sarah suggested having a job description for the B&B job. Chris L. asked that the Stewardship Committee report to the board each month. Until the committee gets up and going, people can check in with Don.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The position of Financial Secretary is still unfilled. It is a very time consuming job and the Nominating Committee doesn't take filling the position lightly. Bill H. said it would be good to get a group involved.

GOVERNANCE

Sue presented a summary of what the temporary Governance Committee has been working on. They have been formulating a new makeup of the Board that would eliminate the Trustee positions and replace them with a Program Council. The Program Council will act as liason between standing committees and the Board. Comments included a suggestion that RE doesn't necessarily have to be a board position as long as they have a voice/vehicle on the board and that Membership could come and give a report once a year and be represented through the program council. There really hasn't been an issue that has been membership related for the board to deal with.

UN Sung UU

The Board unanimously voted to award the Unsung UU Award to Elijah Swift and Sally Hanchett.

PROCESS OBSERVER SUMMARY – Don

Everyone contributed and it was a good meeting