

## Minutes of the Congregational Conversation Meeting (CCM)

June 3, 2007

Meeting was chaired by Sharon Alexander and Kate Throop

Old Business:

1) A draft of the "Building Use" document was handed out for feedback. The September 2nd meeting discussion will focus on this document and encourage members to read it through in preparation. Suggestions can also be sent to Tiffany Urness earlier. The May 24<sup>th</sup> BOT adopted the draft effective June 1, and it will be in effect until finalized in late September.

Sharon asked how it is proposed to address issues that come up in the application of this policy. It is thought at this time that Dave, the Business manager, the Board and/or Doug will be involved. The Program Council may also be involved in resolving questions related to building use. Celine asked that the Program Council, an elected body, have responsibility for all UUSS programs decisions. If a member takes a program to the PC, and all criteria are met, the matter does not need to go to the board or the minister. Terry P. pointed out that the Business Manager has discretion on Rentals. Anna agreed

the PC should have more input than in the past.

Celine asks for clarification about the example of an outside group approaching the Forum for a platform. If the Forum agrees to hold a meeting on the topic it is thought that it is not co-sponsorship. Sharon suggests that co-sponsors in the past offered mailing list distributions which increased attendance to our events. Instead of calling them "co-sponsors," would "supporting organizations" be an acceptable term that would not make such help questionable in terms of charges?

2) Pat Moore Howard expressed concern about Music Director Mike Reynolds abrupt departure from his position. Explanations were given in a limited way since it is a personnel matter. (Kate noted that a Personnel Committee will be developed soon.) Kate suggested that Pat phone Mike for a fuller explanation. Rosemary Muller wondered how the choir, the revitalized Music Committee, or this committee (CCM) might play a role in addressing future issues that involve the choir.

Kate noted that a new Personnel Committee will be developed soon. Anna Andrews asked that the establishment of this committee be announced in the Unigram.

New Business:

## Suggestion of Topics for future meetings.

1) Jane Kiser asked for a discussion of how committees influence the congregation and how they are formed.

2) Steve Hamm would like to have a meeting to discuss ways to generate funding and to increase membership. He stressed the importance of meeting soon rather than waiting until September. He noted that an open meeting is needed to allow ideas to be contributed. There was much support for Steve's suggestion and it was agreed to meet in July to discuss funding. Terry volunteered to chair a subcommittee on Fund Raising and Membership. (The meeting on this topic is now scheduled for Sunday, July 1, at 11:30.)

3) Megan suggested a meeting to discuss our status as a Welcoming Congregation.

Submitted by:

/Linda Hoganson