

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees; November 15, 2005
Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, 6400 W. Del Rio St. Chandler, AZ**

Board members: Those attending indicated with asterisk

*	Scott B	President		Charlie T	Trustee
	Chuck D	Secretary	*	Mary Jo B	Trustee
*	Lone J	Ex-Offcio	*	Joel S	Trustee
	Jim N	Trustee	*	Johnnie C-M	Trustee

Other Attendees/Guests:

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Note: Items are reported by topic and may not be in the order presented.

Opening Activities

Meeting Called to order

Centering: Lone J

September Minutes: They were reviewed and approved with corrections.

Action Items:

- Copy and distribute (if possible, the volume is large) comments from last Congregational Survey – Joel

Official Vote:

1st Motion: A motion was made to show the Board understands that in the CPA's Compilation Letter, a note was made that the "management" elected to not have footnotes placed as disclosures in the report. This would have been at a greater cost. It was not the management representative (Ali) who made this decision, it was last year's treasurer who did so as it was not felt a full audit was necessary or cost effective at this time.

2nd Motion:

Review:

All previous action items were reviewed.

Agenda Items

- **Ministers Report.** Lone went through her report, with highlights. She further explained Ali's request to have the minutes show she was not the person who authorized the CPA to omit the footnotes. See the official motions above.

Lone shared several passages from "The Membership Journey". One it particular showed the need for a balance between maintaining and nurturing existing membership along with attracting and incorporating new membership. She plans

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on using this model with staff and lay leaders this year. She underlined the message that we need to meet both needs.

- **Communication.** There was a discussion of how we can foster greater communication within the church. Scott pointed out that he is receiving a large amount of e-mail/phone/personal questions that show people do not know who to contact regarding issues or feedback. He will use his November newsletter article in letting people know exactly who they can contact regarding different areas.

Also, we will start publicizing the Board email address more. That can be a catch all where we can than direct people to the correct staff/committee regarding issues.

There was also a discussion on the need to focus on ways of positive involvement and input from members.

- **Policy Board Governance.** There was a discussion about how even though there was a great deal of communication about what this means in the previous year, we still have many people unsure. They still are unsure of what the board, staff, and committees handle. We need an on going communication and education about this process.
- **Membership Caring.** Joel presented an idea to help us manage our connections and ministry to each other in a large and growing congregation. It would involve getting 50 or so committed members to participate. Each would be assigned several other members in the congregation. They would make an effort to get to know these people, touch base with them on Sundays and at events, and if they don't see them after several weeks, call them to make sure they are ok and if there is anything they might need. He has volunteered to hash more details out about such a program. There was a lot of excitement about the idea and how it might foster more meaningful connections amongst us.
- **Visioning.** The visioning session this month was "What it Means to be a Member". While the discussion began, it was felt this need much more time, and should be done at a meeting where more trustees are able to attend. Next months visioning session will continue this topic to get more feedback.

Concluding Activities

1. **Process Review.**
2. Meeting was **adjourned** around 9 pm.

Minutes were prepared by Scott B and distributed to Board members via email. Please email with any comments or corrections you may have prior to the next meeting.