

November 21, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

For Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, 6400 W. Del Rio St. Chandler, AZ

Board members: Those attending indicated with asterisk

*	Joel S	President	*	Charlie T	Trustee
	Chuck D	Secretary	*	Mary Jo B	Trustee
*	Lone J	Ex-Officio	*	Barbara F	Trustee
*	Jim N	Trustee	*	Janet C	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, review roles.

Agenda Items

1. Tabled the Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 17 meeting.
2. Review of Appreciative Inquiry—very favorable. Mary Jo used as exercise in her class. Board Covenant will be developed from Provocative Statements. A revised version will be sent by email.
3. Social Action task force reviewed and submitted Charity Selection Policies and Procedures. Jim N is making modifications made by Board. He moved to accept the Policy with modifications.
Motion Passed.
4. Vote on Memorial Garden Committee. Sarah F, Carol S and Barb S were selected by Nominating Committee. **Approved. Action:** Jim N will contact Memorial Garden Committee members and recommend that they develop their roles. **Action:** Consider naming the Memorial Garden after Holly H.
5. Name Change: Discussion of phone conversations with members-over-15-years. Most would be neutral, but willing to attend a discussion. Some concern expressed about Board spending too much time with this issue. We can proceed with discussions after service, led by Scott B and 2 members of Who Are We Task Force. We can present report at the Congregational Meeting—if no strong majority push to change the name, no reason to vote—and the Board needs to address more pressing issues.
6. Minister's Report—see attached. Additional information: a) we did not get the grant for the Intern. We are on a waiting list. It usually takes two years to get a grant. b) The next Board Meeting is Dec. 12 to accommodate schedules. c) Dec. 13 is the Staff Holiday Lunch. Board members are welcome to attend. Board will contribute to cover cost.
7. Review of Finances. Joel went over hand-out, Statement of Income and Expense Fiscal YTD Oct. 31, 2006. We need to come up \$ in next two years. By end of the year the Board needs to have a plan to address this. One option is to start second Capital Campaign to pay off mortgage. We need to hire a professional consultant to do a demographic analysis/economic analysis of members. Lone suggested Joel contact Ken B and Jerry K for recommendations. Board formed a Task Force—Nadina C, Loyd M, Lloyd H, JoAnne S and Chris S—for coming up with a list of candidates for a consultant, including gathering resumes and proposals. Joel will contact task force members. By December meeting we will have names and prices of consultants. In January we will decide on whom to hire.

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8. Other business: a) Barbara reported the Worship Associates are building a permanent labyrinth of mounded earth out front of the church. b) Leadership Team Meeting Jan. 20, 9-noon. c) Feb. 17, 9 am – 2 pm, VUU hosting a workshop on Policy Governance. d) Jim N requested responses to his emails and verification that the Bend the Board Members' Ear sessions occur during Cafe

Next Meeting – December 12, 2006

Concluding Activities

1. Meeting was adjourned around 9:30 pm

Minutes were prepared by Janet Cantley and distributed to Board members via email on November 29, 2006. Please email ducyiii@yahoo.com (or call 602-697-8156) with any comments or corrections you may have prior to the next meeting.