

Green Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Special Meeting, January 10th, 2010

Professional Spiritual Leadership:

- Positive feedback on the caring committee and how well organized it is.
- Fellowship requested an update on our minister's contract.
- Wanted to know if we have or will have lay ministers trained.
- Concern about what we will do if pastoral care (funeral, christening, etc.) is needed. Explained that Fox Valley will help if needed.
- Some expressed they would like to continue to have a spiritual leader.

Organizational Leadership:

- Would like to have money in the budget toward leadership training with the UUA.
- Focus on committees taking a more active role to alleviate the board doing most of the work.
- Help new members get involved. Possible checklist or time & talent survey for new members.
- Have committee meetings after service so more people can attend.
- Committees make sure to put articles in the newsletter so fellowship knows what is happening.

Facilities:

- Sanctuary Upkeep- Both Program committee and facilities is not interested in the upkeep of the sanctuary area. Need a go between such as a design, esthetics committee.
- Need to start looking forward for a new space of our own.
- Consider adding an additional service.

Religious Education (adult & child)

- Publicize our adult offerings to the community.
- Get feedback from the children about how the teaching is going. Concern about switching teachers weekly.
- Would like to see more adults without children get involved with the children. More intergenerational services.

Community Programs and Outreach:

- Adult enrichment programs should be publicized to the community.
- Continue working on education for the Welcoming Congregation. Also consider displaying symbols showing we are welcoming.
- Continue to accept unique individuals.
- Get familiar with JOSHUA before the March vote.
- Have our intern work on getting our name out to the community.

Growth and Membership:

- Active member description to the fellowship.
- Growth has happened because of our new space.
- Consider an on-line or a photo directory to help new members get to know everyone.

Sunday Services and Programs:

- Add Music to the topics.
- Questions on payment to speakers.
- Let the program committee know if you really like/dislike a speaker.
- Discussion on how summer services are handled. Program committee takes the summer off so need to make sure we have someone organize them. Program committee currently has someone who is willing to do this.
- Committee chairs will be asked for the amount they want budgeted.
- Working on having direct deposit. Until that is in place members can set up online banking with their bank.

Additional thoughts/questions:

- Should form a “crystal ball committee” to look into our future desire.
- Would like to have our own building some day.
- Surprise about how much our rental costs are. Suggested renting space.
- Consider a new easier name for our fellowship.
- Questions on the future of our minister.
- Appreciation to the board & committees for all their hard work.