

2007 Annual Meeting
of the
Universalist Church School Union Trust

Date: March 18, 2007
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian
50 Church Street
Waltham, MA 02452

Call to Order - 10:00 AM

Because of inclement weather, the 2007 Annual Meeting was postponed until March 24, 2007. The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Susan O'Connor, chair.

Introductions

Name	Church or Organization
Wendy Dennis (represented by Geraldine Lee)	First Universalist Society Wakefield, Massachusetts
Alyson Gaylord-Loy	First Parish of Malden, Universalist Malden, Massachusetts
Elisse Ghitelman	First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian Waltham, Massachusetts
Jane Mooney (represented by Susan O'Connor)	First Parish Universalist Church Stoughton, Massachusetts
Carol Kusinitz	Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn Swampscott, Massachusetts
Esther Rosado—NOT REPRESENTED	Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford Medford, Massachusetts
Richard Trudeau	Unitarian Universalist Church of Weymouth Weymouth, Massachusetts
Kent VanHeukelom	Unitarian Universalist Church Melrose, Massachusetts
Janet Venti (represented by Joyce	First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church

Rodenstein)	Saugus, Massachusetts
Richard Warye	Universalist Unitarian Church Brockton, Massachusetts
Geraldine Lee, Treasurer	First Universalist Society Wakefield, Massachusetts
Judith Frediani—NOT REPRESENTED	Director, Religious Education Department, UUA
Betsy Stevens—NO REPRESENTATIVE, NO APPLICATION	Ballou-Channing District—RE Union
Ruby McKay-Nadeau (represented by Rev. Fayre Stevenson)	Ferry Beach Association
Ann Bancroft	Star Island RE Week
Esther Rosado—NOT REPRESENTED; NO APPLICATION	Massachusetts Bay District RE Team
Helen Zidowecki—NOT REPRESENTED	Church of the Larger Fellowship

Minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting

On Page 7, the location of the 2007 Annual meeting was incorrectly listed as being in Stoughton instead of Waltham. This was corrected and the minutes were approved as corrected. (Motion 2007-01).

Treasurer's Report

Geraldine Lee reported that there will be approximately \$9,043 available for distribution. She estimated that the 4th quarter check from the UUA Investment Office will be approximately \$2,000 and should arrive by the end of April. The Treasurer's Report was accepted (Motion 2007-02).

Correspondence

Susan reported that there were several email communications to the directors concerning our postponing the meeting because of the storm on March 15th. Susan recommended that all requests for funding be considered even if the organization could not be represented at today's

meeting. A formal motion to this effect was made and unanimously approved by those in attendance (Motion 2007-03).

Reports of Trustees

Name Church or Organization	How moneys allocated in 2006 have been used How plan to spend moneys to be distributed in 2007
Richard Warye Universalist Unitarian Church Brockton , Massachusetts	2006: To assist in payment for attendance at either Ferry Beach or Star Island R.E. weeks for teacher training and to assist in paying an attendant during Sunday church services. 2007: for assistance in paying an attendant/supervisor for the nursery during Sunday morning services.
Alyson Gaylord-Loy First Parish of Malden, Universalist Malden , Massachusetts	2006: To purchase curricula and supplies for the classroom focusing on pre-K and K children of families who are now active in the congregation 2007: To purchase religious education curricula and supplies.
No representative / no request for funds Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford Medford , Massachusetts	2006: The funds would be used to start a junior high youth group fashioned after the experiences in 2005 with older youth. 2007: NO REQUEST
Kent VanHeukelom Unitarian Universalist Church Melrose , Massachusetts	2006: To purchase new curriculum for junior high youth; to help pay the youth directors salary, and to pay for R.E. members to attend “Pot O’ Gold”. 2007: To pay for RE members or teachers to attend Pot of Gold or other District RE workshops and to cover tuition for a new DRE to attend Renaissance modules.
Joyce Rodenhiser First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church Saugus , Massachusetts	2006: The funds will be used to further the education program for both children and adults. 2007: These funds will be used for books and supplies as needed for Religious Education.
Jane Mooney (represented by Susan O’Connor) First Parish Universalist Church Stoughton , Massachusetts	2006: to provide paid child care during worship services; to add to the library; to purchase additional curricula and special supplies; to fund social concerns projects such as Kids Cook and creating blankets or Kids Packs for children in the local homeless shelter

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Carol Kusnitz Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn Swampscott , Massachusetts	2006: The funds will again be used to partially support the Mass Bay District's Religious Educator 2007: The funds will again be used to partially support the Mass Bay District's Religious Educator.
Wendy Dennis (represented by Geraldine Lee) First Universalist Society Wakefield , Massachusetts	2006: Funds will be used to supplement childcare and support adult and youth RE Programs 2007: Funds will be used to supplement child care On Sundays and during other church events and to support RE programs for all ages.
Elisse Ghitelman First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian Waltham , Massachusetts	2006: The funds will be used to help purchase the equipment to start implementing the Spirit Play curriculum. This includes storage bins, art shelves, craft materials, supplies and materials which illustrate the stories told during lesson time. Any remaining monies will be used to buy a rug and fabric to make the classroom more child friendly. 2007: We have hired a Youth Advisor and will also be finishing up our coming of Age program for our high school aged youth. We would spend the Trust funds to help fund a Social Justice project for he your, possibly involving travel and an overnight stay. We may also use come of the funds to enable the youth to be more involved in activities in the wither UU community.
Richard Trudeau Unitarian Universalist Church of Weymouth Weymouth , Massachusetts	2006: The funds will be used for supplies for the annual quilting project, Seder supplies,, Coming of Age gifts, photocopying and the RE Administrator's salary. 2007: The funds will be used for RE supplies, printing costs and to pay a part of the salary of our DRE.
Helen Zidowecki (represented by	2006: NO REQUEST

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Geraldine Lee) Church of the Larger Fellowship Ruby McKay-Nadeau Ferry Beach Association	2007: NO REQUEST 2006: These funds will be used to provide a scholarship(s) for any religious educator in the New England Area to attend RE Week at Ferry Beach (7/8 to 7/14) 2007: Ferry Beach will use the funds to provide a full scholarship or two half scholarships for one or two religious educators from the new England area to attend RE Week at Ferry Beach from July 7 – July 13. This annual conference provides programs for directors of religious education, RE teachers, RE committed, and ministers and their respective families. This summer’s RE Week theme is “RE-Vangelizing: Sharing Our Faith with the wider World.”
No representative / no request for funds Massachusetts Bay District RE Team	2006: To start a RE Cluster Group for small churches. The funds would enable us to provide baby sitting and religious materials and programming that is more tailored to small church RE programs. 2007: NO REQUEST
No representative / no request for funds Ballou-Channing District—RE Union	2006: The funds will be used to finance the creation and distribution of a Peace Project Packet—a collection of resources and information (curricula, books, games, activities, songs, and art projects, etc.) to be mailed to every church in the Ballou Channing District. 2007: NO REQUEST
Ann Bancroft Star Island RE Week	2006: Application was not submitted on time. 2007: The funds will be used to provide scholarships to religious educators to attend Star Island RE Week. At RE Week, they will receive training and have many opportunities to participate in a community of colleagues

Old Business

Disbursement of Investments

Approximately \$9000 will be available for distribution. Nine (9) churches and two (2 organizations) requesting monies in 2007.

After reviewing the amount of money available for disbursement and understanding the requests for funds it was determined that the monies would be distributed as follows:

- \$900 to each church who submitted a request by the deadline (Brockton, Greater Lynn / Swampscott, Malden, Melrose, North Weymouth, Saugus, Stoughton, Wakefield, and Waltham)
- \$450 to each of the two organizations (Ferry Beach Park Association, and Star Island)

The exact amount of the distribution will depend on the final check from the UUA Investment Fund.

This distribution schema was unanimously approved (Motion 2007-04).

History of the Union Trust

Susan asked that all the churches look in their records for anything they can find on the history of the Union Trust. The intention is to compile as complete a history of the organization as possible.

New Business

Election of Officers

Susan O'Connor (Chair and Secretary) and Geraldine Lee (Treasurer) are willing to continue as officer. There was no need for an election.

Electronic submission of Requests for Funding

This was the first time that Requests for Funding could be submitted electronically and the process went fairly smoothly. However, in the future, it was suggested that the submissions be sent to both the Treasurer and Chair and that there be an acknowledgement that the request was received.

Next Annual Meeting Date

Elisse Ghitelman volunteered to hold the meeting at the First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian in Waltham, MA. The next Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, March 15, 2008, in Waltham. In case of inclement weather the meeting will be held on March 29, 2008... (Motion 2007-05.)

Adjournment

The 2007 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM (Motion 2007-06).

Motions

Motion 2007-01	To accept the minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting as corrected.	Unanimously approved
Motion 2007-02	To accept the Treasurer's Report.	Unanimously approved
Motion 2007-03	To consider all requests for funding in 2007 that were received by the specified deadline even if the organization could not be represented at today's meeting because of our having to delay the Annual meeting due to a snow storm.	Unanimously approved
Motion 2007-04	<p>To distribute money available from the Investment fund (approximately \$9,000) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> \$900 to each church who submitted a request by the deadline (Brockton, Greater Lynn / Swampscott, Malden, Melrose, North Weymouth, Saugus, Stoughton, Wakefield, and Waltham)<input type="checkbox"/> \$450 to each of the two organizations (Ferry Beach Park Association, and Star Island) <p>Depending on the exact amount of the final check from the UUA Investment Fund.</p>	Unanimously approved
Motion 2007-05	To set the date for the next Annual Meeting for March 15, 2008 at the First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian in Waltham, MA. In case of inclement weather, the meeting date is March 29, 2008	Unanimously approved.
Motion 2007-06	To adjourn the 2007 Annual Meeting.	Unanimously approved