

**2010 Annual Meeting**  
of the  
**Universalist Church School Union Trust**

**Date:** March 20, 2010  
**Time:** 10:00 AM  
**Location:** First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian  
50 Church Street  
Waltham, MA 02452

**Call to Order - 10:00 AM**

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Susan O'Connor, chair.

**Introductions**

Name	Church or Organization
Wendy Dennis	First Universalist Society Wakefield, Massachusetts
Alyson Gaylord-Loy	First Parish of Malden, Universalist Malden, Massachusetts
Joyce Rodenhiser (Joint request with Malden)	First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church Saugus, Massachusetts
Elisse Ghitelman	First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian Waltham, Massachusetts
Lee Holmes	Universalist Unitarian Church Brockton, Massachusetts
Jeanne Nieuwejaar	Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn Swampscott, Massachusetts
Jane Mooney	First Parish Universalist Church Stoughton, Massachusetts
Esther Rosado	Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford Medford, Massachusetts
Richard Trudeau	Unitarian Universalist Church of Weymouth

	Weymouth, Massachusetts
Kent VanHeukelom	Unitarian Universalist Church Melrose, Massachusetts
Geraldine Lee, Treasurer	First Universalist Society Wakefield, Massachusetts
Judith Frediani	Director, Religious Education Department, UUA
Anne Willever	Ballou-Channing District—RE Educators
Fayre Stevenson	Ferry Beach Association
Ruth Owen	Star Island Life Span Education Week
Lynn Under	Church of the Larger Fellowship
Geraldine Lee	Treasurer, Universalist Church School Union Trust
Susan O'Connor	Chair, Universalist Church School Union Trust

## **Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting**

The following errors were corrected in the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting:

- Page 2: Within Brockton report, change first 2009 to 2008.

The minutes were approved as corrected. (*Motion 2010-01*).

## **Treasurer's Report**

Geraldine Lee reported that there will be approximately \$8,801 available for distribution. The returns on our investments were better than anticipated. 9 Churches and 3 organizations have submitted applications for funding.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted (*Motion 2010-02*).

## **Correspondence**

There has been no correspondence other than emails to confirm receipt of applications.

## **Reports of Trustees**

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<b>Lee Holmes</b> Universalist Unitarian Church <b>Brockton, Massachusetts</b>	2009: There are 7 children in the program. The Union Trust monies were applied to fixing the structural problems. Reconstruction is still underway (heating and AC). The chapel is finished and 2 room shave been refurbished
	2010: .Currently there are 9 children in the program. Monies will be used to purchase materials (books, paper, craft supplies, video teaching aids, etc.) as well as for the Christmas party
<b>Alyson Gaylord-Loy (represented by Bethelve Hill)</b> First Parish of Malden, Universalist <b>Malden, Massachusetts</b>	2009: This is the 6th year of rebuilding. RE is on track. The monies will be used for supplies and equipment.
	2010: Focus on sets, props and costumes for dramatic plans and productions which can be used by almost everyone year after year for creative hands-on learning activities. Basic infant care toys and supplies such as pouch-books and a play mat.
<b>Joyce Rodenhiser</b> First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church <b>Saugus, Massachusetts</b>	First Parish Universalist Church of Saugus is formally combining with First Parish of Malden, Universalist. Requests for funding will now be coming through the Malden Church.
<b>Esther M. Rosado</b> Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford <b>Medford, Massachusetts</b>	2009: An application was submitted but no representative from Medford attended the meeting.
	2010: To send RE Committee members or teachers to Ferry Beach for the RE week
<b>Kent VanHeukelom and Dr. Nita Penfold</b> Unitarian Universalist Church <b>Melrose, Massachusetts</b>	2009: Funds will be used for teacher training for OWL, painting what had been the nursery to turn the space into a Senior Youth Room, and to support a senior youth trip to Mexico.
	2010: Funds will be used in two ways: 1) for a special 8 week RE program called “A Council of All Beings” to help the participants see

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our Green Sanctuary mission as having far reaching consequences for the planet. This will fund special materials needed  
2) To bring in Sally Patton author of “Welcoming Children with Special Needs,” to the church for a talk/workshop for the adults and youth on inclusivity in the church.

**Jane Mooney**  
First Parish Universalist Church  
Stoughton, Massachusetts

2009: to continue to provide paid child care during worship services, and to support various social action projects during the UU Values pillar including making fleece blankets for homeless youth, cleaning up the church yard and planting flowers  
2010: Provide paid child care during worship services  
Add to our library  
Purchase curricula  
Fund social action projects in 2020 (Kids Cook, UU Values in Action project)

**Jeanne Nieuwejaar**  
Unitarian Universalist Church of  
Greater Lynn  
Swampscott, Massachusetts

2009: No application for funding.  
2010: Contribute their monies to the Mass Bay District for use in purchasing materials for their RE library

**Wendy Dennis**  
First Universalist Society  
Wakefield, Massachusetts

2009: to provide child care, develop RE curriculum and to support the initiatives of the new minister who is concentrating on activities with an intergenerational focus  
2010: Funds will be used to supplement childcare, a small-church membership in CLF, conference fees for RE volunteers or staff, materials or equipment that will further the effectiveness of RE and related outreach.

**Elisse Ghitelman**  
First Parish Church, Universalist  
Unitarian  
Waltham, Massachusetts

2009: to continue making safety improvements in the spaces used by children, to update the stage into a youth group area, and to revamp the RE space.  
2010: In addition to our winter pageant, we have started

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a new pillar that involved our youth in preparing and presenting part of a musical show, while learning about a different culture/religion or historical period. We would use the Union Trust money to help buy resources for our show, to create props and costumes, and to purchase DVDs of professional productions of the shows for the kids to watch.

**Richard Trudeau**  
Unitarian Universalist Church of  
Weymouth  
Weymouth, Massachusetts

2009: To subsidize childcare providers and the RE Administrator. To purchase new curricula for the K-Grade 2 classes.

2010: To subsidize the salaries of our childcare providers and the RE Administrator. To buy supplies for our quilting project and for kid's Seder.

**Lynn Unger**  
Church of the Larger Fellowship

2009: No application for funding.

2010: No application for funding

**Fayre Stephenson**  
Ferry Beach Association

2009: To provide scholarships for RE Week at Ferry Beach.

2010: To provide scholarships for RE Week at Ferry Beach.

**Ann Willever**  
Ballou-Channing District—RE  
Union

2009: No application for funding. No one attended the meeting.

2010: For scholarships for Religious Educators in out district. Funds have been cut at district levels and at church levels for professional development.

**Ruth Owen**  
Star Island RE Week

2009: To provide scholarships for Star Island RE Week.

2010: To provide scholarships for Star Island RE Week

## **Old Business**

### ***Disbursement of Investments***

Approximately \$8,800 will be available for distribution. Nine (9) churches and two (3 organizations) requested monies in 2010. Each church will receive \$825 and each organization \$425 depending on the final distribution from the investment fund. (*Motion 2010-03*).

### ***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.

### ***Other Old Business***

Kent Van Heukelmon commented that the UUA is doing a good job in managing the Union Trust Funds in that we are getting approximately 3% ROI.

## **New Business**

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

### ***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 19, 2011, in Waltham. In case of inclement weather the meeting will be held on March 26, 2011... (*Motion 2010-04*.)

It was asked that both emails and phone calls be used to contact trustees if it is necessary to postpone the 2011 Annual Meeting to March 26<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Electronic submission of Requests for Funding***

This was the third time that Requests for Funding could be submitted electronically and the process went 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.

- Trustees liked being reminded about the due date for applications. Susan agreed to continue to do this.

- Everyone was asked to use the CURRENT application form and not just resubmit that of the previous year. Many applications came in with 2009 in the heading and last year's date. Going forward these will not be accepted.

## Adjournment

The 2010 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM (*Motion 2010-05*).

## Motions

Motion 2010-01	To accept the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting as corrected.	Unanimously approved
Motion 2010-02	To accept the Treasurer's Report.	Unanimously approved
Motion 2010-03	To distribute money available from the Investment fund (approximately \$8,800) as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> \$825 to each church who submitted a request by the deadline (Brockton, Greater Lynn / Swampscott, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Weymouth, Stoughton, Wakefield, and Waltham)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> \$425 to each of the three organizations (Ballou Channing District RE, Ferry Beach Park Association and Star Island)</li> </ul> Depending on the exact amount of the final check from the UUA Investment Fund.	Unanimously approved
Motion 2010-04	To set the date for the next Annual Meeting for March 19, 2011 at the First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian in Waltham, MA. In case of inclement weather, the meeting date is March 26, 2011	Unanimously approved
Motion 2010-05	To adjourn the 2010 Annual Meeting.	Unanimously approved