UUPCC Board Meeting
Friday, June 13, 2012
Minutes

Members Present: Kelly Crocker, Ann Gary, Rodger Mattlage, Beverly Moore, Cathy Perry, Scott Prinster, deForest Ralph, Gary Smith, Dick Van Duizend, Executive Director Cathy Cordes

Members Absent: Roger Bertschausen, George Davenport, Bruce Johnson

Also Present: Margot Fleischman

A meeting of the UUPCC Board was held by conference call on June 13, 2012. Chair Van Duizend, called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2012 meeting was postponed until the next Board meeting at GA.

Chair's Report

Van Duizend reported that he has been meeting with a group, including Dee Idnani and others, about the upcoming meetings in Shillong to renegotiate the MOU for the Children's' Village in Kharang. Van Duizend will be traveling to Shillong to represent the Board at the UUNEI 125th Celebration.

Smith (M), Perry (S)

Voted: To approve $1800 in Board travel for Van Duizend to attend UUNEI 125th Celebration.

Van Duizend agreed to carry a Board resolution congratulating the UUNEI on this milestone.

Treasurer's Report

Cordes reported that we are about to go negative because we are going to transfer funds for several pilgrimages. This is normal for this time of year. Our memberships are trending a little low, but we intend to work on improving membership retention for travelers during the summer.

Executive Director's Report

Cordes reported on her recent travel to Kenya and Uganda. The CCB exercise in Kenya was extremely successful. Everyone who participated and supported it financially was pleased with the results. What remains to be done is to execute the action plan that was developed. The larger question will be communication among the Kenyan UUs themselves. They do not have conference calling services and computers, so they are in the process of figuring out how best to solve this problem.

The Kenyan churches are tightly associated with social action, and they already have a lot of social action projects going. They also expressed a desire to increase their spiritual development and learn more about Unitarian Universalism. Cordes will emphasize this aspect in any partnerships that develop and noted that there is a lot of room for very positive growth.

Cordes met with representatives of the groups we have identified as being ready for partnership; they are very excited, but we will move with caution as we do with all emerging groups. There continued to be problems in Kenya and elsewhere with individuals who misrepresent themselves and or their affiliation with a UU group.

Regarding Uganda, ICUU had originally given Kampala emerging group status, pending

submission of information concerning the structure and make up of the congregation. This paperwork has never been completed, so at their last meeting the ICUU suspended this status. It is not clear what the implication of this will be for UUPCC, since partnership has already been established with Tulsa. UUPCC has also committed to a relationship to the school there, at least for the coming year.

Mark Kiyimba will be in the US for six months starting in late June and will travel throughout the country, visiting congregations. Cordes will be sending a letter to those congregations reminding them that due to visa restrictions, Mark cannot receive an honorarium and that any funds that congregations wish to donate to the Uganda school should go through either the Tulsa church or the UUPCC. It was noted that the Minister's Association and the UUA International Office may have a role to play in getting these sorts of messages out to the congregations. Cordes noted that this would be something for the International Working Group to discuss and asked Board members to send her any suggestions concerning this issue.

Regarding the Philippines, Cordes reported that Rebecca Sienes has taken over the responsibilities previously taken care of by Nihal Attanayake. Sienes is communicating with UUPCC and the partners and doing a good job. We have had no further updates regarding Attanayake.

Communications Committee

Mattlage reported that there are no Virtual Conference calls scheduled for the remainder of the spring/summer. The Communications Committee will meet again in July to plan for fall. Prinster noted that it is important to get some good visuals from GA, especially pictures of the Stewardship Award recipients to advertise this award better.

Prinster will be on Twitter during GA and would be happy to share UUPCC events over this medium, as well. Board members who are not going to GA can follow him at @RevSGPrinster. He has also created a hashtag "UUPCC" and he will post all this information to Facebook so that others can follow UUPCC events and updates as well. Prinster also reported that it will be complicated and difficult to have electronic participation at the Annual Meeting. There will not be the experimental Board participation this year, as was previously discussed. Ann Gary and Prinster will spearhead continued research into this subject over the summer. Van Duizend noted that there will some virtual participation in the Plenary Sessions at GA this year, and it would be worthwhile to find out what process the UUA is using.

GA meetings

Cordes noted that Board members should have received the complete schedule of UUPCC and Board events for GA, including locations. The booth will be a great place to hang out, and Board members are welcome to stop by and visit as much as possible. There are also time slots available for the main International Booth area should anyone wish to hold an informal talk.

2013 Winter Board Meeting

The Winter Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 16-19 at Mt. Vernon UU Church in Alexandria VA. On Saturday, we will hold a mini-conference with speakers and workshops with Partner Church committees in the greater DC area, including MD, VA, DE, PA, and NJ. Board members should plan to get to DC before noon on Wednesday, and should buy airfare well in advance to take advantage of good fares. Home stays will be arranged either with members from the Mt. Vernon church or at Van Duizend's house.

Next meeting

Thursday, June 21 at 2:00 pm at GA in Phoenix.

Meeting adjourned 1:04 pm.

Approved by the Board on June 21, 2012/Beverly D. Moore