

UUC BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
Tuesday, November 11, 2014

6:30-6:45 Chalice Lighting & Reading - Molly Check-in Process Observer- Tim	15 Minutes
6:45-6:50 Review and Accept Agenda for current mtg.	5 Minutes
6:50-7:10 Old Business Space Cadet Recommendation regarding Children's Garden's use of space Board Objectives- Beth	20 Minutes
7:10-7:20 Minister and Staff Reports Administrator's Reports DLFD's Reports	10 Minutes
7:20-7:25 Consent Agenda Previous Board Meeting Minutes for October: Pres. cannot make motions/referring to email votes that Lisa added.	1-5 Minutes
7:25-7:35 Treasurer's Report, including Auction Results	10 Minutes
7:35-7:50 Members Forum Members are invited to address the Board. Please keep your comments to 3 minutes.	15 Minutes
7:50-8:00 Break and Refreshments      Provided by Beth	10 Minutes
8:00-8:10 Council Reports Facilities Council Fellowship & Governance Council Finance & Administration Council Lifespan Faith Development Council Membership Council Pastoral Service Council Social Action Council Worship Opportunities Council	10 Minutes
8:10-8:30	20 Minutes

## Action Items

8:30-8:40  
New Business

10 Minutes

8:40-8:45  
Information Items  
October Time Line check list

5 Minutes

8:45-8:50  
Process Observer Report

5 Minutes

8:50-9:00  
Next Meeting Assignments – Dec 9  
Chalice Lighting and Reading-  
Refreshments-  
Process Observer-  
Tonight's Closing-  
(Extinguish Chalice Light)

10 Minutes

## **Administrator's Report to the Board November 11, 2014**

**Committee meetings:** Attended Stewardship Committee meeting. Ideas were discussed for the upcoming spring campaign. The Stewardship webpage is in the process of being updated.

**Vacation time:** I will be away Nov. 19-23 but will have my computer with me to get some work done. Isabel will copy bulletins – only work that needs to be done by another.

**Attendance chart:** I assume that since no one contacted me, that all who desire to do so are able to view the attendance chart Google Doc. If you have a problem, let me know.

**Auction update:** Hope you have seen the catalog by now – many, many wonderful items have been donated including many by our children and youth. At this time, there are 30+ children signed up to attend which means their parents will be there also. The co-chairs and committee members are all very well-organized and hard-working. Hope to see you all there!

**Community use of space:** on Tuesday, Oct. 28, approx. 230 people from the community met in our sanctuary and Elarth Hall for an anti-pipeline meeting organized by UUC member, Anita Puckett. It was not advertised through our listserv as the congregation has not endorsed a view on the pipeline, but it was wonderful seeing our space used by such a large community crowd. I put out extra newsletters, and quite a few were taken.

## **DLFD Report to the Board – November 2014**

Submitted by Karen Hager, Director of Lifespan Faith Development

### **Registration**

- Current CYRE: 111
- LFD "Slots": 182
  - 82 children are registered for RE
  - 20 youth are registered for MSYG
  - 10 children are registered for Chalice Kids
  - 24 children are registered for Children's Choir
  - 26 youth are registered for YRUU
  - 13 children are registered for K-1 OWL
  - 7 children are registered for 4-5 OWL

### **LFD Council**

- No meeting this month.

### **Children's Religious Education Committee (CREC)**

- Dumbledore's Army fought the Hunger Horcrux, collecting \$3070 in cash and food donations for the Interfaith Food Pantry. A member of Dumbledore's Army also joined the Blacksburg CROP Walk, raising \$168.
- Buddy Project registered 31 pairs of children and adults.

### **Youth Adult Committee (YAC)**

- Teens are investigating an alternative to our annual trip to Mountain CON, as the CON falls the same weekend as the Blacksburg prom this year. This will be discussed in detail at the November YAC meeting.
- A meeting was held with the YRUU adult advisors to discuss what's happening in YRUU and YAC. This will be one of several meetings held this year in an effort to better support our advisors.
- YRUU will be having a lock-in later this month to plan the YRUU service, to be held on Sunday, November 23.

### **Adult Religious Education Committee (AREC)**

- Buddhist Voices in Unitarian Universalism
  - Attendance ranged from 11-18 each week.
  - There was great interest expressed in learning more about Buddhism from several participants.
- Christian Voices in Unitarian Universalism
  - Begins this month with 11 registered.

### **OWL Committee (OWL)**

- A planning meeting was held with the teachers for K-1 and 4-5 OWL.
- Several changes were made to 4-5 materials, based on previous feedback from parents.

### **Library Committee**

- No meeting this month.

### **DLFD**

- I will be spending time in November planning the December holiday RE events: Mitten Tree; intergenerational service (theme: A Christmas Carol); and a combined ages RE day.
- I will be attending the November CST meeting. CST has been partnering closely with me on Dumbledore's Army activities. The November collection for the Christmas Store will be discussed.
- Two issues regarding space have been discussed during the past month.

- The first involves the Gr. 2-3 RE class, which meets in the Library. Most weeks, attendance is high in this class. This age also commonly presents some behavioral issues (as it is this year) and often necessitates a 3<sup>rd</sup> adult in the room. This means that we've had as many as 15 bodies in this room. The room is too small, but we don't have a good alternative. Swapping rooms with another class will likely mean just moving problems. The gr. 4-5 class meets downstairs, but requires more room for the curriculum and potentially will make a bigger mess, which is much easier to deal with downstairs where there's no carpet. That class also has a lot of materials that require a larger cabinet, which would further eat up the space in the Library. Moving the middle school class would put bigger bodies into the room, would still be too small, and would also require us to set the room up for projection, including blacking out the large windows. The current classroom assignments, although not working well for gr. 2-3, appear to be our best alternative for now.
- The second issue came up in planning for K-1 OWL. We currently have 13 children registered and expect a few more to register before January. Each child attends with a parent. This means that we will have a minimum of 28 bodies (including teachers) and possibly as many as 36 bodies taking part in this class. The class itself has a portion of time devoted to a story done as circle time, in which it most makes sense for the entire class to participate together. There is an activity time, in which the group can conceivably split into two groups. As we discussed this issue during planning, the class can break into two for the activity portion and use classrooms 1 & 2, and classrooms 3 & 4. The issue becomes having an area large enough to accommodate the entire group for story time. This can't be done with the current square footage available downstairs. The class is planning to now do story time upstairs in Elarth, then move downstairs to the 2 combined classrooms for activities, not an ideal situation when the class time is only 1 hour long total. In addition, Elarth is not available on one of the Sunday class dates, an issue that we have not yet resolved.
- I've been asked to explain how these problems would have been handled if Children's Garden did not occupy space downstairs. In the first issue, we would likely move gr. 4-5 to classroom 5 (currently not usable) and move gr 2-3 to classroom 6, which would give gr. 2-3 approximately 60 additional square feet of space. In the second issue, we would likely move tables and chairs, setting up the activities in one combined classroom and using carpet tiles and open floor space in the other combined classroom for story time. We would still move between rooms, but the rooms would be on the same floor.