

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
OF MANKATO
JANUARY 29, 2006

Call to Order: 12:20 pm by President Cheryl Lee

1. Video on Breakthrough Congregations from the UUA
 - All Souls Church in Washington, D.C.
 - Prayer ends with singing 'Spirit of Life'
 - Ministries of connection keep new people there: connect them to each other, the church and the holy
 - 6 week class: Roots and Wings
 - Covenant groups
2. Minutes of the 2005 Semi-annual meeting approved
3. Financial Reports
 - A. 2005-06 Budget
 - Dave Rice: thank you to Dick Nienow, Gerry Tostenson and Del Jackman for getting the financial system and records in place for him to use
 - Denomination dues to the UUA and insurance are paid later in the year
 - Good support in cash from people in the community who came and liked what they saw in our new space
 - B. Capital Campaign
 - \$38,000 on hand right now
 - Current principal: about \$169,000
 - Last payment on loan due: April 2008
 - Our original capital campaign pledge total was about \$185,000
 - Have collected \$106,000 of this pledge amount
 - Going to apply \$5,000 toward the principal after paying for the house repairs/improvements of about \$7,500
 - Holding money for the reshingling of the roof, in addition to the \$12,000 now held in escrow for the roof
 - Will keep a balance of \$27,000 to cover the remaining payments on our loan of about \$1,000 per month
 - Any money in this account over this balance will go toward paying down the principal
 - Best estimate right now, is that we will have \$67,000 remaining on our loan in April 2008
 - C. Informal Audit
 - More than one person now looks at our bank statements as a checks and balances
4. Resolution, sponsored by OutFront MN and UUsOut4Marriage, against the proposed MN constitutional amendment making same sex marriage unconstitutional
 - Motion to vote to pass the resolution made by Barbara Keating; Second by Tony Filipovitch
 - Motion passed unanimously: 45 to 0!!!

5. Updates

A. Rev. Lisa

- We now have a new database completed by Jan Fox
- Over 377 new people have signed our guest book since we arrived at our new space
- In the names alphabetically A through F from this database, 25% of them have come for the humanities series
- From our board retreat strategy session, it became clear that we need to have a membership committee separate from the fellowship committee
- Let Rev. Lisa know if you are interested in serving on this revived membership committee
- Rev. Lisa is enjoying her 2 Sundays a month preaching here

B. Bob Finley: Building Use Policy

- Set of conditions made clear for using our space
- Different categories of use
- Can review this online

C. The House

- Thanks to Jim and Connie Rovney, Dave and Nancy Allan, Dennis Cramblit, Ted Downey and Scott Thiem for all their work on the house
- Feb. 9th will be another inspection; all should be ready for final approval
- Jim Rovney has shown the house once
- Restricted to families- not unrelated adults, such as college students
- Advertised at \$1,100 (including lawn care and snow removal); utilities will be paid by the renter

D. Board Retreat

- Will have a task force to continue the work of defining a strategic plan for the next several years
- All are encouraged to write comments on the poster boards on the tables downstairs in the fellowship hall

E. Nominating Committee: will be appointed by Cheryl Lee

F. Upcoming UU Events:

- Prairie Star District meeting the last weekend of April in Iowa
- General Assembly (GA), the annual national UUA meeting, in St. Louis from June 21-25
- ***In 2010, the GA will be in Minneapolis!!

Meeting Adjourned 1:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Cramblit, Secretary