

**FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY IN NEWTON
OPERATIONS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2013**

Present: Pat Rohan, Kim Shanks, Laurel Farnsworth, Rev. Erin Splaine, Perry Montrose (arrived after PPC discussion), Jeannie Chaisson, Anne Hess-Mahan, Karen Burns (for PPC discussion)

Karen Davis from the Personnel Policy Committee presented preliminary salary numbers for the next fiscal year.

The Council agreed to submit a budget of \$1,000 for the Operations Council for the next fiscal year, no increase from the current year.

The Council reviewed the budget to date with no major exceptions noted.

Laurel explained the proposal to do \$50,000+ worth of work on restoring the H&H pipe organ, which would possibly improve the sound by one seventh. This proposal was requested before she realized we needed to replace the flat roof, which will cost \$60,000 and leave us with no money to apply to the organ. The total cost for the organ restoration will run \$500,000 to \$750,000, and will probably need to be funded via a capital campaign. This issue will be taken to the Board at their next meeting.

Committee Fair – Pat and Laurel will not be at the Committee Fair in the Parish Hall after services on April 21. Jeannie agreed to make sure tables got set up for it before the service.

Building & Grounds Committee Update - Laurel reported that any remaining monies in this year's Building & Grounds budget will be spent on installing a reservoir to collect rainwater. She will bring this to the Council for a vote beforehand.

Report on Board Meeting - Erin and Perry reported highlights of the Board of Trustees meeting, including voting in 10 new members and a presentation on divesting fossil fuel investments from the Endowment funds.

The Council decided to request a list of all fundraising activities and second collections from Social Action and RE at the beginning of the church year. This will allow the Council to insure that these activities are spaced out appropriately and help prevent fundraising fatigue.

Project Zambia has requested permission to have a fund-raising concert in the parish hall on June 1st. The Council approved the request.

Pat proposed approaching Second Church about use of their parking lot for FUSN evening events.

The Council noted the email approval for Artitudes, Inc., owned by members Valerie Miller and Gregg DiBiaso, to donate 20% of sales on Sunday, April 28th to FUSN.

The Council noted the email approval to rent FUSN space for a concert to benefit Pan Mass Challenge at a reduced rate.

Thank you's: Jenny Duval, Bobbie Sproat and others for their work on the Catie Curtis/Mary Gauthier concert.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Shanks