



<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Pat Rohan (Ch), Laurel Farnsworth, Alan Cody, Anne Hess-Mahan, Jeannie Chaisson, and Kim Shanks.
<b>ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Rev. Erin Splaine and Mr. Barb Greve For part of the meeting: Karen Bottar and Brian Gill (Finance Committee) (Assistant Clerk: Bonnie McDonald)
<b>UNABLE TO ATTEND:</b>	

### **1. OPENING WORDS AND COVENANT** – *Jeannie*

Jeannie read a poem in honor of the budget. She then led us in a reading of the Operations Council Covenant.

### **2. BANK PARKING LOT** – *Pat*

The neighboring Bank's recent decisions to create customer-only spots and enforce towing have affected several FUSN members/guests. However, we have heard of no one who has been towed from a 'legal' spot, aside from spots adjacent to the Bank building. The question was raised on how to let people know about the new parking rules. What kind of signage would work best? Suggestions included putting signage near/behind the back door, on the white board, and on a sandwich board in the narthex and back hall.

Jeannie volunteered to create the proper signage.

### **3. VESPERS SIGNAGE** – *Pat*

The question came up about signage for the Sunday Vesper Services. Amy LeClair has a sandwich board sign to advertise the Vesper Services. She wants to put it outside the building. The services are once a month, and she would like to put the sign out a week before to attract people.

There was a question about where it might be seen. Laurel mentioned it could be placed on the lawn. Pat mentioned that Amy wants to secure the sign with a chain.

**Motion:** Approve request to put out Vesper Services signage one week prior to service, provided it does not interfere with other FUSN signage.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously; 6-0.

### **4. GLBT ADVOCACY GROUP** – *Pat*

Barney Freiberg-Dale is trying to get a group together to form a GLBT Advocacy Group at FUSN. They should be meeting in a couple of weeks. They are hoping that some leadership will come from that meeting.

Jeannie asked if we could be doing more regarding 'outreach.' Pat asked if this should come under Social Action. Pat also said he would follow up with Barney.

### **5. COMING OF AGE SERVICES (SUNDAY)** – *Barb*

The two Coming of Age Services will be on Sunday. Barb proposed that the two collections be put into the COA Scholarship fund and used for families who are struggling and can't afford the program. Barb proposed that the collection should be split between the CoA Scholarship Fund and the Minister's Discretionary Fund – since it was explained that some families go to Barb for assistance; and some go to Erin.



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There was discussion about having a clearer message that the money will go to the Scholarship Fund. Erin mentioned that there has been a lot of discussion about the Services collections going to too many things. It was decided that both collections should go directly to the Scholarship Fund.

**Motion:** Both collections for the Coming of Age Service will go to the CoA Scholarship Fund.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously; 6-0.

## 6. BRIEF UPDATE ON COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

### A. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE – *UPDATE BY LAUREL*

Laurel mentioned she was told on Sunday regarding the overflowing sinks in the basement bathroom. She called the plumber. The plan is for that bathroom to eventually be demolished, and to have no active water in there.

## 7. PRESENTATIONS ON THE BUDGET – *Finance Committee*

Karen Bottar and Brian Gill presented FUSN's FY2013 Budget Request, which results in a projected \$70K deficit. There was much discussion on whether we should present the budget as proposed to the Board and ultimately the congregation. The Council voted to present the budget as proposed. The rationale is that while the budget projects a deficit, there are accumulated funds from prior years to cover the deficit. In addition, the budget includes items (such as increasing Kristin's role to full time) which are investments in our future as a congregation. The council also felt that FUSN's future looks very bright and now is not the time to cut expenses which may help us to grow.

## 8. UPDATE NOTE APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion:** Approve minutes for April Ops Council Meeting.

**Vote:** Approved via E-mail.

## 9. NOTE APPROVAL OF GREEN SANCTUARY PROPOSAL

The Ops Council by e-mail vote approved the filing of the Green Sanctuary Application. (Background: The Green Sanctuary Program provides a framework for Unitarian Universalists (UUs) to fulfill their 'green' commitments. It is based on the UU Seventh Principal.)

**Motion:** Note the Approval of the filing of Green Sanctuary Application.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously; 6-0.

## 10. APPRECIATION

'*Thank you's*' should include those folks who helped organize or support Zambia Night, including Charlie Watts, Judy Friedman, Alison Leuchtenburg, Peter Smith, and Dick Bail.

## 11. UPCOMING MEETINGS & SCHEDULE

Operations Council Meetings are being held on the second Wednesday of each month. Next month's meeting is tentatively scheduled for 6/13/12 if we need one.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bonnie McDonald, Assistant Clerk*