

SUUSI Board Meeting

July 25, 2014

Present: Pinkie Bergmann (President), Derrick Peavy (Treasurer), Rebecca Wald (outgoing Secretary), Molly Lazar, Caitlin Muir (outgoing Sr. Youth), Ellie Brown (Jr. Youth), Rev. Michael Tino (Director-Elect), Rev. Tracy Sprowls, Steve Greenberg (Risk Manager), Susan Hill (outgoing Vice President), Martha Shore, Rachel Osborn, Amy Davis, Lindsay Bennett-Jacobs (Director), Louie Whitfield, Jay Camp (nonvoting member until 7/26/14), Cameron Allen (incoming Jr. Youth, nonvoting member until 7/26/14).

Pinkie called the meeting to order at 12:10. We checked in and then Rev. Tracy provided some opening words.

Larry Landrum presented to the Board about his plans to develop a UU event called WIMBe, in Myrtle Beach. He would like the Board to share access to our database (for example, an electronic copy of the Mugbook) or to have us send out marketing materials for them. He would also like SUUSI to consider fiscal sponsorship of UU WIMBe so that they can receive tax-deductible donations while they wait for their 501(c)3 status.

SUUSI policy doesn't allow us to share participants' personal data, nor is the Mugbook supposed to be used for marketing purposes. We may be willing to send out a single communication inviting people to opt in to additional information, once plans for WIMBe are further in place. SUUSI is not prepared to offer WIMBe fiscal sponsorship.

The Board then went into executive session.

The Board left executive session.

Derrick Peavy reported that a minister submitted a reimbursement request for very high travel expenses and asked the Board for approval. It was decided that if the Denominational Affairs department isn't over budget, we don't have to second-guess them.

We discussed a proposal circulated by Derrick Peavy on 7/23. A pledge has been made to donate \$1000 to the SUUSI Endowment Fund once the fund reaches a balance of \$9000. That will bring the balance to \$10000, the minimum required to invest funds with the UUA. Derrick proposed that the Board donate discretionary funds to bring the Endowment to \$9000, which he estimated would require a Board transfer of \$1,333.47. Rebecca moved that the Board accept Derrick's proposal, specifying that a maximum of \$1500 will be transferred. Caitlin seconded, and the motion was approved by acclamation.

Lindsay presented the director's report. SUUSI 2014 has been a long, strange trip. Issues with air conditioning in Peery and Trinkle. We are requesting a reduction in air conditioning fees, which will have to go up to the VP level at Radford. Lindsay is composing a survey to slide under people's doors in Peery & Trinkle. If we can reimburse people for the cost of air conditioning, we will give them the opportunity to donate their reimbursement to the endowment or to SUUSIships.

Tanya, director of conference services, is leaving Radford in mid-August for a different job. She has recommended that they hire two people to replace her.

Core Staff have had a hard week and need some support and affirmation from the Board.

Lindsay noted that we should look for ways to communicate with the SUUSI population at large about their rude behavior towards Radford staff and SUUSI staff, and we need to talk to people about their expectations and entitlement. We are in danger of wearing out our welcome and burning out our leadership.

The SUUSIship committee noted that they granted Alexis Jones a SUUSIship just for the Friday of SUUSI, valued at \$67. On behalf of the committee, Susan reported this to the Board as an exception to the SUUSIship policy.

The Board populated committees. The Nominating Committee will consist of Ellie Brown, Lindsay Bennett-Jacobs, and a non-Board person TBD. The Elections committee will consist of Rebecca Wald, Tracy Sprowls, and Cameron Allen. Bylaws and Policy will include Michael Tino, Derrick Peavy, and Pinkie Bergmann. The Site Selection and Criteria Review Committee will consist of Rachel Osborn and Louie Whitfield. Attempts to reconstitute the Leadership Development committee will be spearheaded by Martha Shore and Jay Camp. The SUUSIships Committee will be made up of Amy Davis, Molly Lazar, and Rachel Osborn.

Steve Greenberg, Risk Manager, wants us to develop a policy for reporting accidents and utilizing the Risk Advisor when incidents occur at SUUSI.

The meeting was adjourned 2:45.