**UUCC Board of Trustees**

**March 9, 2014, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Board Summary**

**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Mary Simpson distributed the financial reports for January and February noting that although our investments turned downward for a short period, everything is back up to normal now. Mary and Rev. Carie spent some time fine tuning how line items appear on the budget report. Other than that there was nothing remarkable about the last two months.

**Leadership**: Vice President, Martha Naber, reported the January 25th meeting was most successful. Each committee chair spoke to how their committee was involved in meeting the goals of Leap of Faith. Martha is promoting collaboration between committees to enhance communication and shared projects. Dates for all meetings next year will be set at the April 19 meeting.

A meeting has been set for March 15 for all leadership members. The book *‘Who’s in Charge Here?’* will be discussed. The book addresses the complex relationship between ministry and authority. It was recommended at the UUA training for church leadership working with an ‘after pastor’ congregation.

**Minister:** Rev. Carie submitted her written report and then spoke briefly about her journey to Wales. She wants to set an agenda for her remaining 8 weeks before the second half of her sabbatical. She will not be here for the annual meeting (June 7th) or production of the annual report so wants to be certain everything is set in motion. Her priorities will be supporting staff; committee chairs and leadership in establishing their spring programs and closing out the church year.

**President’s**: Gary Chapin said that during the months before year’s end, he wanted to ascertain all committee reports are submitted to the office by May 1st; reschedule Finance 101; establish an ‘*ask the board’* event once a month during Fellowship; and schedule the technology conversation with the congregation (late April). He noted the announcement of the annual meeting must go out at least 10 days prior to the meeting to be in compliance with our by-laws.

**COMMITTEE AND PROJECT REPORTS:**

**UUCC WEB:** Helen Zidowecki distributed a report on the progress of the web site update and gave an explanation of the revisions. There was a significant upgrade to how worship calendar events appear on the home page; they are now advanced automatically, once input. Each individual component of the content has been freshened and updated. Office administrator will be responsible for weekly updates.

**TECH GRANT:** Rev. Carie and Helen are working on a grant, due in September, to update technology in the sanctuary. It will allow us to purchase flat screen TVs for mounting on the walls; multimedia presentations, as well as videotaping which could be used for various projects like pod casts, satellite stations, etc. RFPs have been sent out. It was also decided to ask for input/suggestions from the congregation.

**BUDGET:** Written requests were submitted for paid positions for the Membership Committee, Hospitality and Greeting ad hoc committee and the UUCCOO. It was noted that the board had previously agreed to flat fund the budget for two years.

**RE COMMITTEE:** Diane Smith spoke with the board via cell phone, updating people on the progress and problems of the new RE positions. Although the two new staff members are doing an excellent job, there are responsibilities which are not adequately staffed (or at least not assigned) with just the two positions which were funded. Rev. Carie will discuss this with Diane when she returns to Augusta.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**: Gary Chapin reported that Finance Chair, Annie Reiter is taking a leave of absence, hopefully returning in June. Gary said he will ask Wick Johnson and Hilary Neckles if they will co-chair the committee until Annie returns. 61 pledges have been received to date. At this point last year, we had 85 pledges.