

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Board of Trustees of Mount Vernon Unitarian Church**  
**11 October 2011**

**Board members present:**

Becky Brandt, Board Chair  
Eric Pourchot, Board Vice-Chair  
Lisa Gillispie, Secretary  
Peg Bartel  
Dan Cohen  
Al Robbert  
Polly Papp  
Ben Roberts, Youth Representative

**Board members absent:**

Dick Youngflesh  
Keith Brophy

**Others present:**

Rev. Kate Walker  
Carol Graves  
Al Erickson  
Ken Pilkenton

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Rev. Walker shared a reading entitled, "Interdependence", by Robbie Walsh on this month's theme of creativity.

Al Robbert presented the financial report. There continues to be a deficit this month, largely due to pledge patterns in the summer. Carol Graves shared statistics about MVUC's record of contributions and pledges in the period of FY 2008-2011.

**Items discussed and/or reported included:**

- Property Committee Funding Request: Ken Pilkenton, representing the Property Committee requested \$22,000 from the PMM fund for Hollin Hall roof repairs. Two estimates have been obtained and are being analyzed and considered. The Board voted unanimously to approve the request.
- Program Council Report: Dick Youngflesh convened a meeting of the Program Council in September, but only half the representatives were able to attend. The attendees reviewed the Program Council charter and plan to meet again on October 17th.
- Meeting House Improvements Committee Update: Two building permits for the Meeting House have been requested to be renewed. If the renewal extension is approved, the new expiration dates will be in two years: September 2013. The committee is getting estimates for various anticipated tasks. The committee is on track to provide the necessary information for a congregation meeting in January 2012.

- Survey Monkey instrument: Additional edits have been made to the survey. Becky will work with Keith to further refine the questions and format of the survey. The board advised moving forward with the refined survey.
- Staff Report regarding service times and attendance: The staff recommends keeping the current service times in place until at least January 2012. They are exploring a different “tone” for the 9:15 a.m. service. A concern was expressed on how best to keep a sense of community between the attendees of both services.
- Energy Fair update: Dan Cohen reported that he has contacted various area churches and invited their participation.

The meeting was closed at 8:00 p.m. by the recitation of the MVUC covenant.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Gillispie