

Meeting Minutes
Board of Trustees of Mount Vernon Unitarian Church
10 January 2012

Board members present:

Becky Brandt, Board Chair
Eric Pourchot, Board Vice-Chair
Keith Brophy
Dick Youngflesh
Polly Papp
Al Robbert
Dan Cohen
Peg Bartel

Board members absent:

Lisa Gillispie
Ben Roberts

Others present:

Al Erickson	Carol Graves
Wendy Burns	Joan Darrah
Nancy Renner, Director, Fort Hunt Preschool	Kara Larrabee

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Items discussed and/or reported included:

Al Erickson and Al Robbert presented the financial reports from December 2011. After which Al Robbert presented a proposed revision of our current FY2011-12 budget. The budget revisions were to reduce the amount of expected stewardship pledges from \$470,000 to \$433,628 (actual current pledges) and to reduce the amount of expected revenues from facilities use & rentals from \$123,971 to \$99,885 (decrease in wedding revenue). The Board approved the revised budget.

Carol Graves presented a proposal from Fort Hunt Preschool to reserve space (both in Hollin Hall and the Meeting House) on **Saturday, November 10, 2012** for their 50th Anniversary. The Board approved the proposal permitting Fort Hunt Preschool to reserve space for their 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, November 10, 2012 and will accept remuneration of \$500 from FHP.

Carol Graves presented a proposed Policy on Childcare. There were several questions regarding the proposal which will be revisited at the February Board meeting.

The Board approved the charter of the Leadership Development Committee.

Joan Darrah, MVUC Incorporation Task Force, Chair, updated the BOT on the status of our upcoming incorporation. At their December meeting, the Board voted unanimously to proceed; while the issue of paying for legal assistance was unresolved. Joan Darrah has since been in contact with Jamie Bobotek and his firm will provide pro-bono support to help MVUC through the process of incorporation.

Joan Darrah provided information to the Board regarding the Endowment Committee's proposal to establish a Legacy Circle. The purpose of the MVUC Hill of Dreams Legacy Circle would be

to honor those donors who have stated their intention to include MVUC in their estate planning with a goal of increasing the visibility and importance of remembering MVUC in estate planning. The Board expressed support for project.

Becky Brandt expressed gratitude on behalf of the Board for the comprehensive Rental policies & Rental Coordinator position Report submitted by Bill Clontz and Joan Darrah. The information in the report will be utilized by those working to successfully transition to a new Rental Coordinator this April. The report also contains an acknowledgement of immense gratitude to Nina Tisara for her invaluable service for MVUC, not only as Rental Events Coordinator, but also getting us moving on improving and upgrading the property and spreading our name to a wider circle. The Board intends to publicly recognize her efforts this spring.

Final plans for the January 22nd Congregational Meeting were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by the recitation of the MVUC covenant.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Brandt