

## Resource Committee Meeting , June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Present:** Rick Fiske, Jack Nelson, Lynn Peterson, Karen Wolk

**For the Board:** 1. Please join us on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Social Hall to write a mission statement including goals and actions to help launch an effective fund raising program for the church. Because the Resource Committee wishes to construct this year's Pledge Drive around the ideas of Wayne Clarke that stress how the mission, vision and activities of our church are important in our lives, we require an approved and updated statement. A draft statement and ideas are attached. Please note, these and other suggestions are part of the work of the Growth Committee a few years ago.

2. Please be sure we have an approved and documented plan for borrowing from the reserve fund and a plan for repayment

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1. We reviewed the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with Wayne Clarke as well as his book Beyond Fundraising. He strongly suggested that our fund raising needs to be based on a clear and compelling mission statement. We were disappointed that we had not heard anything substantial from the Board re: developing a vision/mission statement and goals. We reviewed 3 different existing mission statements: 1. From our weekly church bulletin, 2. From the Growth Committee around 2010 and 3. The mission statement in our Bylaws. We decided that the most contemporary and most connected to the current situation was the one from the Growth Committee. Therefore we decided to use that statement as a DRAFT, pick a date shortly after General Assembly and ask the Board to join us to refine that mission statement.

In addition we need clearly defined goals that will help convey who we are and what we want to become.

2. We were disappointed that there apparently had been no development of a documented and approved plan for borrowing from the reserve fund along with a plan to repayment. Perhaps this can be satisfied by reviewing the discussion at the January annual meeting when this was presented to the congregation.
3. We decided to start the pledge drive in November again this year. The September start did not produce any better results and it did prolong the pledge drive which ends with the Annual Meeting. We will also have a potluck dinner as the kick off for the pledge drive and ask the Board to join us. We thought another Silent Auction would not be a good idea again this year.
4. Bookstock 2014 is underway. We need help in many ways starting with sorting beginning on July 14 and ending with selling the weekend of July 25 - 27.
5. Plans for Western Wind on October 10 - 13<sup>th</sup> are underway.
6. Lynn was asked to develop a time line for various sources of income over that past 5 years - eg Western Wind, Bookstock, Classical music, etc. We will use this to evaluate the overall fund raising activities of our congregation and the role of the Resource Committee in these efforts.

## Mission Statement from Growth Committee ~2010

Guided by UU principles and purposes, the Woodstock North Chapel aspires to be a congregation that nurtures the growth and supports the needs of its members, sustains a strong spiritual life within a caring church community, and has a positive impact on the world around us by living our principles and offering support where we can.

Specific activities supported by the church:

1. A Minister who reaches deeply into the community enabling all age groups to be aware of the spiritual and sacred in everyday life and events.
2. Religious education for children that is practical, diverse and motivating.
3. A variety of ways to incorporate a spiritual dimension in daily life – Oneness blessing on Tuesday, Wednesday mornings meditation and evensong on Fridays
4. An organized program in social justice that currently focuses on the needs of youth.
5. Program to supporting an orphanage, Life and Hope Association, in Siam Riep in Cambodia.
6. Sponsoring a variety of musical events ranging from Jazz to Classical.
7. Reaches out to people with social and personal needs with discretion.
8. A regular meeting and organizational space for a high school service group, Change The World Kids, who provide many practical services to the community and a global environmental project in Costa Rica.