

**Church of the Larger Fellowship, Unitarian Universalist
Board of Directors Teleconference
November 28, 2011, 3:00 PM EST**

MINUTES

Present: Lucia Santini Field, Stefan Jonasson, Ken Gross, Arnold Bradburd, Brad Greeley, Mark Gibbons

Staff: Rev. Meg Riley, Lorraine Dennis, Lisa Kiel

1. Authority to act – Charles W. Otto Trust

Motion: The Board of Directors resolves that Lorraine Dennis, incumbent Executive Director, is authorized to act on behalf of the Church of the Larger Fellowship, Unitarian Universalist, in the matter of the Charles W. Otto Trust. (Lucia Santini Field/Brad Greeley) Motion passed with one abstention.

2. Board and Organization Goals

Lucia would like to have the transcription of the work the Board did at their October meeting so she can create a draft of goals for the Board to consider. Lorraine will contact Laurel Amabile and request the transcription.

3. QuestForMeaning.org launch

We invited the congregation to enter the new site with a password to help us beta test. We haven't had a lot of feedback, but most is very positive. We will launch by Dec. 1, 2011. Staff will send a note to the Board when the site goes public.

4. Board Vacancies and Process

Sofia Betancourt has regrettably resigned from the Board due to her workload and scheduling difficulties. We will miss her. Laura Jones has indicated to the co-chairs that she will resign. Stefan expects a formal letter by December 2nd. If that does not arrive, the letter she sent last week will suffice. Stefan asked Brad Bradburd to take the need for two new board members to the CLF Nominating Committee. The Board will appoint new members who will serve until the next Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee happens to have a meet scheduled on November 29th. Brad hopes that the Committee will have some candidates to present to the Board in about three weeks.

5. CLF/UUA Leadership Council Meeting

Lucia and Meg were invited to attend a meeting of the UUA Leadership Council last week and gave them a tour of the website and Powerpoint presentation about QuestForMeaning.org and the CLF's plans for the Online Sanctuary. Lucia will

follow up with a conversation with Terry Sweetser regarding the plan by the CLF Board to do a capital campaign to raise money for the Online Sanctuary. Meg will be meeting with Terasa Cooley, Congregational Life Director to talk about plans for collaboration with her department.

6. Fundraising Event

The Board decided to hold a Fundraising event on Thursday, March 29, 2012, in Boston. We will invite possible donors to a cocktail reception at a nice venue where there will be a video playing and presentation on QuestForMeaning.org and the Online Sanctuary. This could kick off a capital campaign, and be a model for similar events in other parts of the country. The Board will need to develop a bold plan for three to five year financial commitments from donors. Lucia emphasized that we need to have the right people at this event and that Board members personal connections will be very important. The CLF Fundraising Committee should be involved, but Board members must take ownership of the campaign if we are to be successful.

6. Next Meeting

The Board will meet in early January to consider new Board members' appointments and to continue planning the campaign.

7. Minutes

Stefan suggested that the Board defer approving the October minutes to the next meeting.

Adjourn at 4:15 PM.