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FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF MADISON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting
April 13, 1967

Present: Mes. Barr, Bohmrich, David, Davidson, Meyer, Redding; Messrs. Burnett, Cunningham, Gaebler, Hanson, Hove, Parrish, Reed, Sloan, Stucki.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 P.M. by President Parrish.

The minutes of the last meeting were considered and accepted as distributed.

Minister's Report: Mr. Gaebler mentioned the recent death of Betsy Frantz. A large contribution was received from her parents immediately following that event, with contributions from others, totalling approximately \$1,500. He suggested that it would be appropriate to use this money in our efforts to start and maintain a campus ministry. It was moved by Mr. Cunningham and seconded that the money in the Elizabeth Frantz Memorial Fund be used to establish and maintain a campus ministry, the administration of the fund to be determined on consultation with the Channing-Murray Foundation Board; and that the President and/or the Treasurer consult with the Channing-Murray Board at its next meeting to work out the details, to be brought back to the Society Board. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Sloan stated that we are close to the dividing line between borrowing from non-budget items, going to the bank, or getting money from some other source. Subscriptions are still running somewhat behind.

He mentioned the sale of part of the Raymond Road property to the Friends of the Arboretum, in which transaction the Society lost a small amount of money due to the payment of an interest-bearing note.

Mrs. Davidson reported on the Square Dance parties held this spring, on which \$40 was realized. More parties will be planned for next year.

The President brought up the amendment to the Standing Rules providing for takeover of new officers and chairmen. He read the amendment to Article II, Sec. 3, as follows: "Voting members of the Executive Board, other than the representative of Channing Club, shall be elected by the parish for one year or until their respective successors have been elected, except that, in the absence of any specific action by the Spring Parish Meeting to the contrary, any person elected at that meeting shall not take over the duties of his or her office from the predecessor until the adjournment of the first Executive Board meeting held in June, but not later than June 15."

Dr. Reed moved that the by-laws be so amended. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Parrish mentioned the appointment of an ad hoc committee to look into a fourth church school session at a location other than the Meeting House. This committee placed a notice in the newsletter of April 5. He then read a letter from the chairman of this ad hoc committee, Lloyd Bitzer, which is attached to the minutes. At the meeting held on April 9, those present signed a sheet indicating how they felt about the proposal, as follows: (1) interested in the project, possibly as a participant; (2) interested but not necessarily as a participant; (3) opposed; (4) undecided. Two-thirds of the people who signed indicated they were interested, possibly participants.

Mr. Gaebler told the Board of the recent visit of Robert Wolley, a member of the UUA Extension staff, and that all members of the Society staff had had an opportunity to talk with him about extension matters. Mr. Gaebler said he had made some

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→ investigation of possible meeting places for the fourth CS session: Chalet Gardens, the new EUB church, and the Holy Name Seminary, where Msgr. Wirz seemed receptive to the idea.

Mr. Gaebler reported further on his own conversation and that of the R.E. staff with Mr. Wolley, who stressed his feeling that in discussing the possibility of a fourth CS and adult program, we should make our intentions explicit, and that a simple questionnaire, accompanied by a brief statement as to what we have in mind, should go to our entire local mailing list. After the returns are received, a parish meeting should be called to discuss the whole matter.

There was considerable discussion concerning the possibilities of starting a new group on the East Side rather than the Southwest side. While it seemed likely that the need for a new group would be more pressing in the Southwest part of Madison, the opportunity should be given those receiving a questionnaire to state their preferences between East Side, Southwest, or some other area. How the details for the church school sessions and adult program are to be worked out cannot be determined at this time. It seemed likely, however, that the program for 8th and 9th graders and MUY would continue to be centered at the Meeting House for the coming year at least.

It was moved by Mrs. David (1) that the Board go on record as setting a goal for our extension program, which we propose to begin with an additional session of the church school augmented by an adult program, the character to be determined by the persons in it who would see themselves as the nucleus of an independent Unitarian-Universalist society in the metropolitan area. (2) That we try to ascertain by a parish-wide questionnaire the extent (a) of support for such an extension program, and (b) the extent of willingness to consider participation in a new program, to be organized on the far Southwest side, or, alternatively, on the East Side. The questionnaire should include the number and age of children who would be involved in the church school program; and signing the questionnaire should be optional. Seconded and carried. The questionnaire will be drafted by Mr. Bitzer in cooperation with the church staff.

The Spring Parish meeting was set for Sunday, May 7.

Denominational Affairs: Mr. Hanson reported that the meeting of the North Central Area Council in Milwaukee recently was well attended. Derek Staats was elected to the Board of the Council. Delegates to the General Assembly meetings were proposed, including Mr. and Mrs. Roland Parrish, Miss Jessica, Mrs. Elizabeth Bohmrich, Mr. Gaebler and Mr. Savage will be ministerial delegates. A proportion of the delegates' expenses will be paid. Mr. Hanson moved and it was seconded and carried that the above-mentioned persons be authorized as official delegates.

Vice-President's Report: Mrs. Davidson stated that the Dance Fellowship is presently in a state of flux. She will report further at another meeting.

Finance: Dr. Reed reported that Dale Bender had obtained a rough estimate of what the old parsonage might be sold for (in the neighborhood of \$30,000), the idea being that the money be used to construct another building on church property for church school classes, and containing a small apartment for the custodian. Mr. Stucki moved that the chairman of the House, Finance and R.E. Committees, or their representatives, meet to look into this whole matter, with the hope that the new building would be ready for use in the fall of 1968. Motion seconded and carried.