

**2008 Annual Meeting**  
of the

**Universalist Church School Union Trust**

**Date:** March 15, 2007  
**Time:** 10:00 AM  
**Location:** First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian  
50 Church Street  
Waltham, MA 02452

**Call to Order - 10:00 AM**

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Susan O'Connor, chair.

**Introductions**

Name	Church or Organization
Wendy Dennis (represented by Geraldine Lee)	First Universalist Society Wakefield, Massachusetts
Alyson Gaylord-Loy	First Parish of Malden, Universalist Malden, Massachusetts
Elisse Ghitelman	First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian Waltham, Massachusetts
Jane Mooney	First Parish Universalist Church Stoughton, Massachusetts
Carol Kusnitz	Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn Swampscott, Massachusetts
Esther Rosado	Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford Medford, Massachusetts
Richard Trudeau	Unitarian Universalist Church of Weymouth Weymouth, Massachusetts
Kent VanHeukelom	Unitarian Universalist Church Melrose, Massachusetts
Joyce Rodenhiser (represented by Geraldine Lee)—NO APPLICATION	First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church Saugus, Massachusetts

Richard Warye	Universalist Unitarian Church Brockton, Massachusetts
Geraldine Lee, Treasurer	First Universalist Society Wakefield, Massachusetts
Judith Frediani—NOT REPRESENTED	Director, Religious Education Department, UUA
Betsy Stevens (represented by Rev Ann Willever)	Ballou-Channing District—RE Union
Ruby McKay-Nadeau –NOT REPRESENTED, NO APPLICATION	Ferry Beach Association
Ruth Owen	Star Island RE Week
Esther Rosado—NO APPLICATION	Massachusetts Bay District RE Team
Helen Zidowecki—NOT REPRESENTED	Church of the Larger Fellowship

## Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting

The following errors were corrected in the minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting:

- p. 2 change Fev. to Rev.
- p. 3 change TR to RE
- P. 5 change aa to an
- p. 6 correct spelling of Elisse's name

The minutes were approved as corrected. (*Motion 2008-01*).

## Treasurer's Report

Geraldine Lee reported that there will be approximately \$10,400 available for distribution. First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church has sold their church building and is sharing office and worship space with First Universalist Society of Wakefield. Because of this they returned the money distributed to them in 2007 (\$900). Geraldine estimated estimates that the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter check from the UUA Investment Office will be approximately \$2,200. The Treasurer's Report was accepted (*Motion 2007-02*).

## Correspondence

Susan reported that she received an email from Rev. David Horst indicating that no one from Malden would be attending the meeting due to church and personal obligations. Some

discussion followed encouraging trustees when they find themselves in this type of situation to authorize another trustee to attend as their representative.

Geraldine read the note attached to the funding application from the Saugus church: “We cannot use funds at this time, however, we would like to retain a place in the Trust because we hope to rejoin your ranks in the near future.”

## Reports of Trustees

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<b>Richard Warye</b> Universalist Unitarian Church <b>Brockton</b> , Massachusetts	2007: for assistance in paying an attendant/supervisor for the nursery during Sunday morning services. 2008: The RE Wing of the Church is currently undergoing major repairs and is currently not available for occupancy. No classrooms can be occupied. The work is scheduled for occupancy after this summer when the wing will again be available. Monies received will e allocated to the repair project.
<b>Alyson Gaylord-Loy</b> First Parish of Malden, Universalist <b>Malden</b> , Massachusetts	2007: To purchase religious education curricula and supplies. 2008: No one attended the meeting to request funding. The application indicated that all of the funds would go toward curricula, supplies, and books for the church library.
<b>Esther M. Rosado</b> Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford <b>Medford</b> , Massachusetts	2007: No application for funding. 2008: We would like to purchase supplementary materials for curricula that is educationally sound. In particular, we have several world religions curricula for which we would like to purchase updated audio/video materials.
<b>Kent VanHeukelom</b> Unitarian Universalist Church <b>Melrose</b> , Massachusetts	2007: To pay for RE members or teachers to attend Pot of Gold or other District RE workshops and to cover tuition for a new DRE to attend Renaissance modules. 2008: For teacher training for OWL and Pot of Gold.
<b>Joyce Rodenhiser</b> First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church	2007: These funds will be used for books and supplies as needed for Religious Education. 2008: No application for funding.

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**Saugus, Massachusetts**

**Jane Mooney** (represented by  
Susan O'Connor)  
First Parish Universalist Church  
**Stoughton, Massachusetts**

2007: to provide paid child care during worship services; to add to the library; to purchase additional curricula and special supplies; to fund social concerns projects such as Kids Cook and creating blankets or Kids Packs for children in the local homeless shelter

2008: to provide paid child care during worship services; to add to the library; to purchase additional curricula and special supplies to enhance the RE program such as videos and music; to fund social concerns projects such as Kids Cook and various projects during the UU Values in Action pillar

**Carol Kusnitz**  
Unitarian Universalist Church of  
Greater Lynn  
**Swampscott, Massachusetts**

2007: The funds will again be used to partially support the Mass Bay District's Religious Educator.

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**Wendy Dennis** (represented by  
Geraldine Lee)  
First Universalist Society  
**Wakefield, Massachusetts**

2007: Funds will be used to supplement child care On Sundays and during other church events and to support RE programs for all ages.

2008: Funds will be used to supplement child care, curriculum development and RE programs for all ages.

**Elisse Ghitelman**  
First Parish Church, Universalist  
Unitarian  
**Waltham, Massachusetts**

2007: We have hired a Youth Advisor and will also be finishing up our coming of Age program for our high school aged youth. We would spend the Trust funds to help fund a Social Justice project for he your, possibly involving travel and an overnight stay. We may also use come of the funds to enable the youth to be more involved in activities in the wither UU community.

2008: We would use come of the funds to take care of some needed safety improvements to the playground that we share with the day care center housed in the church. We would use the rest of the funds to purchase costumes and supplies to repair costumes for our Winter Solstice pageant.

**Richard Trudeau**

2007: The funds will be used for RE supplies, printing

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Unitarian Universalist Church of Weymouth <b>Weymouth, Massachusetts</b>	costs and to pay a part of the salary of our DRE. 2008: To subsidize the salary of our child care providers and Religious education Administrator. To purchase new curricula for the “UU Values in Action” Pillar of our RE program.
<b>Helen Zidowecki Church of the Larger Fellowship</b>	2007: No application for funding. 2008: No application for funding.
<b>Ruby McKay-Nadeau Ferry Beach Association</b>	2007: Ferry Beach will use the funds to provide a full scholarship or two half scholarships for one or two religious educators from the new England area to attend RE Week at Ferry Beach from July 7 – July 13. This annual conference provides programs for directors of religious education, RE teachers, RE committed, and ministers and their respective families. This summer’s RE Week theme is “RE-Vangelizing: Sharing Our Faith with the wider World.” 2008: No one attended the meeting to request funding. The application indicated that all of the funds would have been used to provide a full scholarship or two half scholarships for one or two religious educators from the new England area to attend RE Week at Ferry Beach from July 5 – July 11.
<b>No representative / no request for funds</b> Massachusetts Bay District RE Team	2007: NO REQUEST 2008: No application for funding.
<b>Ann Willever</b> Ballou-Channing District—RE Union	2007: NO REQUEST 2008: We will use funds received for scholarships for Religious Educators in our district. Funds have been cut at district levels and at church levels for professional development.
<b>Ruth Owen</b> Star Island RE Week	2007: The funds will be used to provide scholarships to religious educators to attend Star Island RE Week. At RE Week, they will receive training and have many opportunities to participate in a community of colleagues 2008: The funds will be used for scholarship money to

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enable religious educators to attend Star Island RE week 2008, the 100<sup>th</sup> year of our conference. It is an important training and professional development opportunity.

## Old Business

### ***Disbursement of Investments***

Approximately \$10,400 will be available for distribution. Nine (8) churches and two (2 organizations) requesting monies in 2008.

After reviewing the amount of money available for disbursement and understanding the requests for funds it was determined that the monies would be distributed as follows:

- \$1,150 to each church who submitted a request by the deadline (Brockton, Greater Lynn / Swampscott, Malden, Melrose, North Weymouth, Saugus, Stoughton, Wakefield, and Waltham)
- \$600 to each of the two organizations (Ferry Beach Park Association, and Star Island)

The exact amount of the distribution will depend on the final check from the UUA Investment Fund.

This distribution schema was unanimously approved (*Motion 2008-03*).

### ***History of the Union Trust***

Susan asked that all the churches look in their records for anything they can find on the history of the Union Trust. The intention is to compile as complete a history of the organization as possible.

## New Business

### ***Election of Officers***

Susan O'Connor (Chair and Secretary) and Geraldine Lee (Treasurer) are willing to continue as officer. There was no need for an election.

### ***Electronic submission of Requests for Funding***

This was the second time that Requests for Funding could be submitted electronically and the process went smoothly. However, in the future, it was suggested that the submissions be sent to both the Treasurer and Chair and that there be an acknowledgement that the request was received.

### ***Retiring Trustees***

There were no Trustees whose terms were ending. Trustees were reminded that term limits were eliminated with the Bylaw revisions of 2006 but that everyone still had a 5 year term which must be renewed by the governing body of their organization.

### ***Next Annual Meeting Date***

Elisse Ghitelman volunteered to hold the meeting at the First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian in Waltham, MA. The next Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2008, in Waltham. In case of inclement weather the meeting will be held on March 28, 2008... (*Motion 2008-04.*)

It was asked that both emails and phone calls be used to contact trustees if it is necessary to postpone the 2009 Annual Meeting to March 28<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Adjournment***

The 2007 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM (*Motion 2008-05*).

## Motions

Motion 2008-01	To accept the minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting as corrected.	Unanimously approved
Motion 2008-02	To accept the Treasurer's Report.	Unanimously approved
Motion 2008-03	<p>To distribute money available from the Investment fund (approximately \$9,000) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> \$1,150 to each church who submitted a request by the deadline (Brockton, Greater Lynn / Swampscott, Medford, Melrose, North Weymouth, Stoughton, Wakefield, and Waltham)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> \$600 to each of the two organizations (Ballou Channing District RE and Star Island)</li></ul> <p>Depending on the exact amount of the final check from the UUA Investment Fund.</p>	Unanimously approved
Motion 2008-04	To set the date for the next Annual Meeting for March 21, 2009 at the First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian in Waltham, MA. In case of inclement weather, the meeting date is March 28, 2009	Unanimously approved
Motion 2008-05	To adjourn the 2008 Annual Meeting.	Unanimously approved