

Minutes – May 24, 2011*
Operations Council
First Unitarian Society in Newton

Council Members attending: Pat Rohan (Ch), Jeannie Chaisson, Laurel Farnsworth, Anne Hess-Mahan, and Kim Shanks.

Also attending: Mr. Barb Greve and Rev. Erin Splaine.

1. **Email votes noted:** For the record, three email votes were noted:
 - Amendment of Charter for Harvard Negotiation for Harvard Negotiation & Mediation Clinical Program Student Support Committee, Approved May 9, 2011;
 - Minutes from April 20, 2011 Meeting, Approved May 14, 2011;
 - Allowing fundraising table at Coffee Hour, 5/15/11, for “NAMI Walk” (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Approved April 22, 2011.
2. **Committee Chair status/vacancies:** Pat inquired about the plans for committee chair'ships for the coming year. Vacancies were noted for four committees: Services Auction, Denominational Affairs, Worship, and Budget Drive. As of the meeting, the status for two committees was unknown: Holiday Fair and Memorial Committee. Members reported on many committees for which the incumbent chair plans to stay on.

A brief discussion took place about a potential chair for Denominational Affairs Committee, and the role of that committee generally. With regard to Worship Committee, it was noted that Rev. Erin Splaine is working with the group.
3. **Thank You's:** Pat will take send Thank You notes to a) Mary Lou McArdle for her service as Chair of the Worship Committee, and b) Marion Bullitt for her service as Chair of Capital Campaign. Each of them is ending such role.
4. **Budget Discussion/Joint Meeting:** A brief discussion reflected on the role of Operations Council members in the joint meetings with the Board of Trustees concerning the budget. It was agreed that the Operations Council has a voice but not a vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Smalley, Assistant Clerk

* **Clerk's Note:** On May 10, 2011 and May 24, 2011, Council Members attended joint meetings with the Board of Trustees concerning the budget for the coming year. The Operations Council held its own brief meeting prior to the second joint meeting, as reflected in these Minutes.