



First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis

Board Report on Fall/2014 Strategic Planning Conversations with the Congregation

Leaders and members last year made it clear that they envision FUS remaining in its current building long into the future – they want a building that supports our aspirations and is as sustainable as possible. The Board is building its next 4 years around this vision.

A series of three conversations were held during October to present a brief review of the Board strategic planning process and goals for the 2014-2018 time frame. Although generally lightly attended, the participants seemed to appreciate the scope of the effort and the information presented. The slides of information are attached to this report.

Discussion started with a review of the previous Board goals, established in 2010, and considerable achievement was noted. Four primary objectives were set out for the next 4 years, 3 of which are program-oriented, and the fourth being building-focused.

1. Strengthen FUS as a beacon of and home for forward-looking humanism.
2. Support current members and efforts to invite and welcome new members. Be ready for membership growth.
3. Increase partner programming.
4. Improve our building to better serve our purposes into the future.

A primary purpose of these meetings was to inform the congregation of the increasingly urgent needs to maintain and upgrade our building, and to associate the scope of possible projects to the fundamental values and mission of the Society. The formation of the Capital Campaign Task Force was described as an initial team to quantify and prioritize the many possibilities (and challenges) prevailing.

The membership of the Task Force will be determined in the next few weeks, and the process is scheduled to begin in earnest in January 2015.

Those interested in serving on the Capital Campaign Task Force should express interest by November 16, 2014. Application form available at <http://firstunitarian.org/members/document-downloads/>