PSD ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes Jan 20, 2007 Minnesota Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 10715 Zenith Avenue South Bloomington, MN 55431 These minutes are transcribe by Sam (in Elaine's absence) from recordings on Sam's iPod. Present Rev. Laurie Bushbaum 612 929-6908 RevLBushbaum@visi.com Elaine Rockwell 515 279-4810 ERocky@aol.com 608 785-1274 UUSeverson@prodigy.net Eric Severson Sam Wormley (chair) 515 296-2627 swormley1@mchsi.com Karen Kress 715 234-9251 klk@bluehillsuu.org Absent Rev. Dr. Virginia Wolf 715 834-0690 wolfv@uwstout.edu Honored Guests Rev. Lisa Friedman 612 781-5182 lfriedman@gfn.org Kathy Heltzer 218-726-8935 kheltzer@d.umn.edu Marty Sozansky msozansk@d.umn.edu After our brief check in, the draft agenda was adopted by consensus. **On-line** Documentation http://edu-observatory.org/psd/ http://www.psduua.org/conf/index.html Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2006 -Duluth conference was changed to April 3-5, 2009 Minutes approved as corrected. Summer meeting was set for Saturday, June 30, 2007 in Bloomington, MN 55431 (10am-2pm) at the Minnesota Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Conference debriefing meeting will likely be Sunday morning, April 15 after the worship service. Parking will be available at First Unitarian Society (FUS) (at the Walker Museum parking lot). **REVIEW - 2007 Conference** Conference Theme: "Nurturing Our Faith Communities" Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Laurel E. Hallman Judy Lecturer: Bill Doherty Lisa note that Sarah Greene has been quite helpful in

coordination and as a reminder of details. This year's conference brochure is web based as opposed to a paper based brochure--requiring close coordination with the district's webmasters. Good progress. Sam has queried Rev. Dr. Laurel E. Hallman for title and blurb for her Keynote address and workshop. Reviewed and adjusted conference time line to provide adequate time for transitions between events. Breakfast will be cheaper by being served at FUS.

Because the conference worship service will feature a major musical work, there will be no conference choir (this year only).

Sam noted that we need better communication between the PSD Board members with Local Arrangements and Program Planning, in terms of

- o who will MC?
- o who introduces major speakers?
- o addresses from PSD Board President, District Exec, etc.
- o which committee(s) are responsible?
- o order-of-service

Youth housing, programming, integration, funding--who is responsible? We anticipate that these responsibilities, or at least coordination will be in the hands of Sherry Warren, swarren@psduua.org, Youth and Young Adult Specialist, for the District by the 2008 conference and beyond.

Workshops--cancellations, clarifications, rearranging, really late applications. Confirmations have not gone out at this time.

Speaker handlers--Laurie Bushbaum will handle Bill Doherty. Gina, Sam or Lisa to coordinate with Laurel Hallman.

Sam has been consulting with Mark Gibbons. Conference video recording either will or will not happen, and if not, Sam will ask each major speaker for an electronic copy of their presentations to be put on the PSD website.

Conference evaluations will be done by email. Instant paper feedback (form provided by local arrangements) to workshop presenters. Electronic for the conference as a whole.

Speaker backups--Laurie could backup for Bill.

Phil: Sherry Warren (hopefully) will be in charge of the youth program at the conference. Youth can stay at FUS during the 2007 conference. YAC will help. Local DREs need to know what is happening at the annual conference.

Youth Consultation Workshops.

Near Future Conferences

First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis MN (April 13-15, 2007) First and Second Unitarian Churches of Omaha, NE (April 11-13, 2008) Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth, MN (April 3-5, 2009) Unitarian Church of Davenport (QCUU), IA (April 16-18, 2010)

REVIEW - 2008 Conference Correspondence with Local Arrangements Conference Theme: "Rebuilding a Faithful Democracy" Keynote Speaker: Charlie Clements, UUSC

o Judy Lecturer: Amy Goodman? - Laurie Bushbaum

REVIEW - 2009 Conference Conference Theme: "TBD: related to green, environment, sustainability" Keynote Speaker: TBD (Al Gore?)

Idea--transportation to/from the Duluth conference: charter buses, ride bicycles. Raise money for green roofs, green buildings for our congregations.