

**Draft Minutes of the Saturday Sept 19, 2009 Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of the Universalist Convention of North Carolina, Inc.(UCONCI)  
held at Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church**

**Attendance**

Present for the meeting were:

**Officers**

Pres. Feryl Masters of UUC Greenville  
Sec. Billy Liles of UUF Raleigh  
Treas. Andy Wasilewski of UUF-Raleigh

**Trustees**

Victoria Brown of UUC Greenville  
Ann Malpass of Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church  
Carol Simmons of OBUC  
Doug Hayes of  
Guests – Robert Stolar of OBUC  
Mary Brown of UUF Greenville

**Quorum**

With seven of nine board members present, the President called the meeting to order at 11:05 pm. Absent were Vice-Pres. Lisa Stolar of OBUC, and Trustee Pete Leary of UUF Raleigh.

**Minutes**

No corrections to the minutes of the Board Meeting of were made. Minutes were approved as presented.

**President's Report** – Feryl shared the letter he had written to former board member Charlie West, thanking him for his long service. A scan of the letter is attached below.

**Treasurer's Report** – No change from last report – a couple of checks for lawn care, on in for book.

**Shelter Neck Report** from Susan Wasilewski is attached below.

There was discussion about child care at work weekends. **The work weekends need to be on the agenda of the Annual Meeting.**

Mary Brown of UUCG has painted the gazebo, planted bulbs, and installed flower bed edging at Shelter Neck Camp as a service project.

**Andy W will post more "No Hunting" signs around the camp property.**

**Per Susan's request in the report for an outhouse, Andy will look into the possibilities of reactivating the water and septic system used by the trailer that used to be on the property.**

**Cluster meeting** – The Eastern NC Cluster meeting will be held on March 20, 2010 at UUCG. We will work to publicize it. **Feryl will send Billy a website to link to on the SN website.**

After a lunch recess, the meeting re-started at 1:30.

### **Old Business**

Carol Simmons asked that the policy regarding use of the Shelter Neck email contact lists be clarified. Ann Malpass make a motion that “The Secretary will send publicity info via email regarding events at area churches at his discretion.” The motion passed.

The annual meeting is still scheduled for October 24, 2009 at UUFR. We will convene at 9:30am.

### **New business**

Dues letters have been sent by email, and hard copies will be mailed shortly by US post. The email message had the proposed constitution and bylaw revisions attached, and copies are being enclosed in the mailing envelopes. This mailing satisfies requirements for revision under the current constitution. **Billy will post our current constitution on our website.**

The OBUC Love Feast will be held Dec. 13, 2009. **Carol or Ann will send Billy a notice to broadcast.**

The next meeting of the UCONCI Board will be at 3:30 pm at OBUC (before the Love Feast).

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Billy Liles, Secretary

## **Shelter Neck Report**

Hello all,

1. Oct. 17 is reserved now for a retreat for a young woman who used to go to Shelter Neck years ago. She was in youth group at UUFR with our oldest son, Stefan. She has started a business with her partner running retreats to help people set personal goals in these difficult times. She wants to use it then and in the future. She also wants to know if she is allowed to begin research on raising money for a labyrinth? She would love to get permission from the board to look into it. She also said she would be VERY careful to talk with me to make sure that it would not get in

the way of future facility plans. I think it is a good idea. She is planning to use Shelter Neck more if this business takes off. She sees it as a win - win for both her company and Shelter Neck. I agree. She is keeping her numbers under 50 so there would be no need for a portapotty.

2. There is a wedding pending. The dates are on hold waiting for news of deployment.

3. I propose we look into creating a safe, environmentally friendly, legal outhouse to avoid renting portapotties each spring. There may be two different types: composting ones and ones for boats that are removed to dump.

4. Work weekends are historical. We as a convention feed and house people on work weekends for their help. If we allow no more than 50 on a work weekend it would be enough to get real jobs done. Word needs to be sent out however for the weekends suggested so people can arrange time to come and pre-register. Food for lunch Saturday can be simple lentil soup (Cheap) and sandwiches with fruit and the evening dinner could be fish stew. We could ask people to bring bread, desserts, and salads to share for dinner and for breakfast eggs, etc. This menu is fairly affordable and would be cheap advertisement/ownership facilities. Other camps do this. I will be willing to facilitate food and pre-registration. **(Susan Wasilewski- food and registration and advertisement with Billy's help)**

**Billy Liles, Pete Leary, Lisa and Robert Stolar have already volunteered to help but don't know what area they wish to volunteer.**

Jobs would include Intergenerational activities:

1. Window repair (offer a class on how to)( Teens and up task)
2. Cleaning (all ages)
3. Plumbing repair (offer a class) (teens and up task)
4. Place tongue and groove paneling on the walls in Dix House in the stairway area covering the wallboard not painted since the 50's LRY did it and the second floor and then paint. (look at [www.balsaminn.com](http://www.balsaminn.com) for colors and ideas- Andy took me there for inspiration) This would make the upstairs cleaner and if we placed the tongue and groove paneling on the ceilings and painted the ceiling it would be amazingly cleaner and more cheerful! (teens and up) **Andy Wasilewski agreed to facilitate this.**
5. gardening (child friendly)
6. sewing curtains (child friendly with class-need volunteer !!!)
7. washing sheets and curtains to store in bags for winter.(All ages )

**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR YOUR AREA OF TALENT via  
[swasilewski1@me.com](mailto:swasilewski1@me.com)!!!!**

Then at night:

1. wacky IG talent show
2. bonfire and smores with singing (ask for smore donations)

Advertising begins this week. **Others are needed to sign up to facilitate various areas.** Let me know what your interests are and I will keep a log of the ones who offer to facilitate the various areas.

It would be great to put on a wish list used wicker-not antique- in good repair- chairs for the rooms in Dix House.

The first floor Dix is in good shape except for the ceiling which again we could put the paneling on the ceiling in the rooms that are getting extremely dirty due to debris dropping through cracks in the tongue and groove ceiling in new addition bedrooms.

If we do this these repairs, cleaning would be lessened and driving time and gas \$ for multiple trips would decrease. Let's empower people.

Also we would end the year and start the year with a bang.

5. There is a date in early Spring for another work weekend. April 2(?), 2010. I'll update plans and communicate later about this week-end.

6. **Thank you to Feryl Masters** for work he and his family did at Shelter Neck in August.

7. We have a repair that Feryl shared regarding a shower issue. There needs to be work done prior to the October 17 date to remedy that. Please volunteer with Andy to do the work. We need someone to take on this job.

Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Wasilewski

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**Universalist Convention of North Carolina, Inc**  
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September 10, 2009

Dear Charlie,

I regret that your circumstances require you to resign from the UCONCI Board. You will be missed. The contributions you have made over the years have been invaluable. You have added much through your wit and your knowledge of our past.

It has always been a pleasure to have you at our meetings, and the work you have done for UCONCI has helped us remain the strong and active group we are today. You will always be welcome at any UCONCI event.

Our best wishes are with you always. The position you have held will be filled, but you can never be replaced.

Sincerely,

Owen Feryl Masters  
President UCONCI