

Membership Meeting
October 2011
Portland, OR

Natalie Fenimore, LREDA President, opened the meeting and welcomed all chapter present.

Cindy Leitner, LREDA Administrator, reported that 174 people registered for Fall Conference, with every chapter and Canada represented!

Pat Kahn, Secretary, presented the membership minutes from June 2011 for approval. Marge Corletti moved and Robin Pugh seconded to accept the minutes as presented. An error was pointed out in the 4th paragraph (remove last 2 words She is). Barb Greve moved and Marge Corletti seconded to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

John Cavallero, Treasurer, announced that the offering from the morning worship garnered \$1794 for the LREDA Endowment Fund. John reported that 16 scholarships were provided for Fall Conference. He thanked our previous Treasurer, Jennifer Halperin, for her careful stewardship of resources. In the Board reorganization discussions, it was recommended that a Finance Committee be formed; this is information now. Anyone interested should contact John.

Natalie Fenimore presented the President's report. The Board has completed the reorganization to better serve the needs of our membership, and has adopted a new mission statement:

The mission of the LREDA Board is to serve our members by **ADVOCATING** for professional religious educators in congregations and in alliance with our professional colleagues and the UUA; **SUSTAINING** our organization through responsible fiscal stewardship, and creative, visionary leadership; and **SUPPORTING** the professional development of our membership.

The Board will need to appoint someone to fill the remaining 18 months of Pat Kahn's term as Secretary. Members who are interested in serving on the Board or another committee are encouraged to speak to a Board member or the Nominating Committee.

Natalie reported that one of the grant proposals for Association Sunday funds must be a joint grant from the three professional organizations; LREDA, UUMN, and UUMA are developing a proposal for "excellence in shared ministry".

Natalie encouraged all members to get involved with the "Gathered Here" initiative and encourage RE families, youth and children in our congregations to participate. A Children's version of the guide will be available soon.

Natalie affirmed the Board's strong support of the Shelter Rock grant to revitalize the Fahs Center. The Center holds deep meaning for those who were involved from the start - it is a legacy project.

Gabrielle Farrell, Vice President, provided some "metrics" - 12 members participated in the new DRE workshop, 24 in the Ministry with Youth Renaissance module, 39 attended the regionalization workshop, 22 mentors attended training (including 8 new mentors), 12 attended the Good Officer training, 12 registered for LREDA Small and 39 for LREDA Large. We had 10 Fall Conference mentors, 7 members who offered spiritual practices, 8 were chaplains, 17 offered their musical skills, and 10 led workshops. Fall Conference next year will be in Williamsburg, VA!

Jude Geiger and Robin Pugh, members of the Nominating Committee, gave a brief report. They will be seeking candidates for the positions of Vice President, At Large Professional development, and Nominating Committee for the June membership meeting.

Jan Devor, Chair of the RE Credentialing Committee and Jan Gartner, RE and Music Credentialing for the UUA discussed LREDA mentors, the Mentoring Committee and the RE Credentialing Committee.

Questions from the floor: Barry Andrews asked if the Board would be responding to the RE Education Futures report. Natalie responded that the work with the Fahs Center grant and potential grants from Association Sunday funds address some of the Futures report recommendations. She encouraged all members to read the report (posted on the LREDA website) and to attend the table-talk on Saturday.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.