



from the virtual desk of Gini Courter

February 2, 2010

It's only been two weeks since our fabulous Board meeting in San Antonio, and here we are, meeting again!

In my last letter I thanked the many people who worked to pull the San Antonio Board meeting together – and I'm still grateful. In this moment, I'm thankful to the many trustees, officers, and staff who've worked since that meeting, following up on the various pieces of agenda that still needed work after we'd left Texas, and to those who are already hard at work, preparing for the April meeting.

On Thursday evening, we'll take up one of the incomplete agenda items from January. At the end of our pre-church meeting on Sunday, we had not yet reached agreement on words for a motion on Governance. A group of trustees (Jackie, Jake, John, Lew, and Will) volunteered to continue the work, and in the 10 days since have consulted with other leaders and staff, exchanged emails, and held web sessions to craft the motion and context document that are posted on the UUA web site. We will be voting on the motion. Please make sure you've read the motion and reflected on it before we meet.

I just opened an email from John Blevins noting that we have about 45 people signed up to observe the virtual board meeting – far more than we've ever had for an actual meeting, with the exception of our linkage time with local UU leaders two weeks ago in Texas. There's a trajectory, but I don't know what's next: Boston to San Antonio to the Internet...we can't know what comes next, but I'm intrigued.

The agenda is below. We'll take the time we need. (Please plan to need no more than 2 hours.) "See" you on Thursday.

In faith,
Gini

Special Meeting of the UUA Board of Trustees, 4 February, 2010, 7 pm EST

7:00 pm	7:05 pm	Opening Words, lighting a virtual chalice	
7:05 pm	7:10 pm	Housekeeping, minding the technology	Gini Courter
7:10 pm	7:15 pm	Motion	Jake Morrill
7:15 pm	8:50 pm	Questions first, then discussion	
8:50 pm	8:55 pm	Process observation	
8:55 pm	9:00 pm	Closing words	