

General Assembly Planning Committee
Summary Minutes
September 15-18, 2005

Thursday, September 15

Morning Session

Retreat: Facilitator: Barbara L. Bates, Mass Bay District President

Afternoon Session

I. Discussion with Moderator: Toward a Vision for GA

For the past few years there has been an increasingly deep relationship between the GAPC and the UUA Board.

- What is the purpose of GA? (to conduct the business of the Association)
- What do outcomes look like?

The business of the Association can take place inside the context of a General Assembly that is a place where new friendships are made, where we lift up the vision of our diversity, share best practices, live our democracy more fully, deepen and broaden our spiritual underpinnings, and generate excitement that can be taken directly back to our congregations. GA is opportunity and promise on a large scale.

Question RE: Independent Affiliates/ Programming at GA

Changes are on the horizon vis-à-vis “the Grid” because traditionally 45% of workshop slots have been allotted to affiliate organizations. If we need time for business, time for worship, time for covenant groups, space for people to meet and connect, etc. then something has to give because of the finite capacity of time and space. Workshop slots are a tightly held entitlement. Change is coming and is feared. *In the future, the PC task group will determine the procedure for vetting programs. This has not yet been determined.*

Report on Racism Issues:

The PC needs to be in relationship with persons or groups who can provide the PC with needed feedback. There were instances of racism and other kinds of oppression in Fort Worth, and the year before, and the year before that and the year before that as well. We live in a racist society and our General Assemblies are not safe havens. Two Questions to consider:

1. How can we help well intentioned UUs behave in ways that are culturally appropriate?
2. How can we sensitize local officials, police et al who will be working with us that we will be bringing a diverse population to their cities?

Members of the GAPC need to be up to speed on what has transpired since GA in Ft. Worth. As members of the PC there is no “private” conversation or “personal opinion”.

II. Ware Lecture Update

Discussion of Ware Lecture taken off line to be followed up by Pat Solomon with Bill Sinkford as no speaker is confirmed as yet.

III. Meeting the GA Office Staff

The Planning Committee members were introduced to members of the GA Staff.

IV. Report on the Grid for 2006

On Wednesday a group began working on the Grid -- a copy of which was distributed to each member of the GAPC. Assumptions:

1. Given the number of rooms available, the estimated number of program slots needed to accommodate relatively the same number of Program slots as last year = 10.
2. The three CSW processes – SOC, SAIs and AIWs require workshops before they can be discussed or voted on in Plenary so there are two plenary sessions on Friday and Saturday.
3. Dedicated (non competitive) time and space for Covenant Groups/Choir was approved.
4. For the Covenant Group/Choir slot only, a half-hour pass time after Plenary and 15 minutes for a program slots was approved.
5. Potential repeat programming during Plenary #7 on Sunday.

There was a discussion regarding the pros and cons of repeat programming competing with Plenary and another on worship services

V. Introduction to Planning Committee Task Groups and Liaisons

Division of the Committee: Plenary Hall and Services task groups will meet at same time as will Worship and Celebration and Constituencies

Plenary Hall Task Group: Ginger Brown

Events either take place Plenary Hall or associated with activities in Plenary Hall (CSW) so that the group working on these program elements can identify overlap or potential conflicts or opportunities for support. The goal is to have better coordination and communication for those using Plenary Hall.

Constituencies Task Group: Barbara Atlas

The Accessibility work is being handled by a volunteer, Patty Cameron. This year we need to identify a PC member for Young Adults. Young Fun, Child Care and Day Camp are all contracted out to vendors but all will have a PC person helping to determine who the vendors are and monitoring what is happening at GA. Youth Caucus will be supported by UUA Staff. Orientation – Walt handled last year – thinking about getting information into people's hands (not just in the Program) and in more than one time slot (e.g. District In-Gatherings.)

Services Task Group: Beth McGregor

Greening piece has decreased for GAPC because the GA Office has contracted with Meeting Strategies Worldwide. Food/Intergenerational Event – at this point do not have a request to have one. Chaplains etc. needs a fair amount of coordination. Evening Entertainment is a sizable job – booking and food arrangements for 4 evenings. Monitoring (quality control) and Evaluation is reviewing the evaluations that come in. Feedback Session is one time block. Ambiance works with local volunteer and committee on décor in Plenary, Meditation Room, and Chaplain Office. Banner hanging is one job, Banner Parade a second. Service Project is liaison and support. Covenant Groups is communication with Harlan Limpert and monitoring effectiveness.

Worship and Celebration Task Group: Walt Wieder

Opening Ceremony an invitation to spiritual depth and Closing a celebration – desire to continue that work.

Friday, September 16

Morning Session

I. General Assembly and the Mission of the Association Partnership (GAMAP)

General Assembly and the Mission of the Association Partnership (GAMAP) met on 9/13. Several members of the General Assembly Planning Committee (GAPC) were in attendance. The following were agreements:

- The Partnership meeting ended with a sense of cohesive/shared vision and a joint GAPC/Board Anti Racism (AR) Plan
- Coordinating Orientations including multicultural competencies – wearing nametags, meet with DPA, essentially “stay on message”
- Opening Celebration be used to discuss Right Relationship
- Approach GA in a covenantal manner or at least make expectations very clear
- Identifying workshops where right relationship/multicultural competencies could be developed
- Identifying “persons of power” or a place where persons having difficulties could go to speak with someone and developing a Communications Plan – the right people have the right phone numbers
- Create clear opportunities for check-in during GA on how we are doing
- Identity Based Ministries suggested having a covenant which all attendees would be asked to sign
- Variations on covenant groups were discussed without recommendation
- Discussed – a Youth Closing after the Closing Ceremony; have the Youth Trustee sponsor an event in the Board Suite
- Ware Lecture: discussed a follow-up event (program slot) where attendees could discuss the Ware Lecture in a more formal setting like a workshop
- “UU University” also discussed – a three track program for presidents, membership and finance-stewardship leaders –a training starting this year on Tuesday morning through mid-day Wednesday. Registration fee would be about \$100
- Suggested an increase of \$20 in GA Registration Fee in part to help pay for the initiative to bring Congregation Presidents to GA which began as full payment of registration fees and is now, in the third year beginning to be reduced on a sliding scale. This year, the UUA covers 75%.
- Bill suggested that a subcommittee look at the budget and review what the GAPC budget should cover (e.g. Social Witness costs are in the GAPC budget) and what the ultimate relationship of the GA and UUA budgets should be. Currently UUA staff pays registration fees to attend GA and the GAPC pays to stay in P&E during the September meeting.
A complex and long term set of issues. Also discussed was the possibility of trimming the subsidy for Young Fun and Child Care, revisiting youth scholarships.
- Also discussed music, musicians and paying for music at GA. There was a high level of support for ensuring that music of GA continues to improve in quality.
- GAMAP will be the group to propose the theme. “Choices that Matter” a theme that could work with a variety of constituencies who would like to influence the theme.
- Site: do we go to a district that has not been visited for several years even though the costs may be higher.

- Discussed site selection with regard to safety for persons of color. GAMAP agreed that holding GA in any city in the United States would entail racial and safety issues.
- Bart Frost HUUPER – the Dean of the Youth Caucus joined the meeting and was introduced.

II. GA 2005: Report on Evaluation

Big problem areas: hotels, food selections. The full text is available online – opinions of key programs are polarized love/hate the same event. Jan lifted up the evaluation section that asked opinion of registration costs – 72% thought costs were good, very good or excellent. (NOTE: these are the people who attended GA)

NEXT YEAR: ask size of congregation; do you plan to attend GA next year? What would influence your decision? Questions for 2006 Evaluation will be reviewed at the April Meeting.

III. Covenant Groups

The Covenant Group folks initially wanted a block of rooms in every workshop slot; the decision was to give Covenant Groups a block of non-competitive time. Bart was asked if Youth might want to join: response that Youth have another small group initiative (Inside Out) important to their community that could be in the same time block as Covenant Groups (11:15- 12:30 Th; 12:30 – 1:45 Fri/Sat; 8:00-9:15 Sun).

IV. Worship Services: A Proposal for an additional service and the mechanism for choosing Worship Leaders

Discussion of adding a third worship service resulted in a decision not to add one.

Suggestions for selection of other worship leaders included:

- Theological diversity, theological outlook
- GAPC member should have actually heard the preacher preach
- Some consideration of gender, age, ethnicity
- Ask UUMA Executive Committee, the UUA President, LREDA and/or the Board for suggestions include both Lay leaders or DREs
- Someone from host district
- No repeats

Recommend: turn the selection of the preachers over to a subcommittee. The selection will be approved at the January PC meeting

V. The GA List Serve: Policy

Background: When registration opens activity on the GA List Serve increases. Postings tend to center around ride and room sharing. It is not unusual for misinformation to get posted on this communication vehicle and this usually needs to be responded to. The committee discussed and then recommended approving that one person from the GAPC be accountable for monitoring the list and providing information on behalf of the GAPC. Beth will do this.

BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR MONITORING THE LIST AND PROVIDING INFORMATION ON BEHALF OF THE GAPC. BETH WILL DO THIS

VI. DRUUMM

Gini indicated that both she and Janice Marie Johnson would like to speak with the GAPC and Linda invited them to attend this meeting to report on the work of the Task Force that was convened to follow up on the incidents that arose at GA 2005.

Janice is President of DRUUMM and comes to this meeting as a friend and an ally. She noted that she is not African American but Caribbean. DRUUMM is not an African American ministers group although that was its origin. The group is far more non-ministerial now than at its founding. It also includes a community of color that is larger and more inclusive of Asians, South Pacific Islanders, and Hispanics.

Questions:

1. How do we welcome one another? That's just good manners. It works when it is authentic not forced.
2. "How did you find our faith?" most difficult question for a UU of color to hear.
3. Acknowledge that it is difficult, a challenge, for people of color to come to GA.
4. Ensure that there will be an ongoing and continual "audit" of how things are going using an AR/AO lens. Throughout workshops.
5. Check in with persons of color when a question arises about how something might be taken or received.
6. When an incident happens where do we go? First find out what happened before planning what to do – "a sterile attempt at repair."
7. Knowing who to call is important. Knowing to make the call is critical.
8. Ensure that the community of color knows that we know 1) to call and 2) whom to call.
9. There is tremendous sensitivity about naming the problem – e.g. the Board's letter posted on uua.org.
10. Include more programming opportunities for AR/AO learning's such as JUUST Change consultancies, IBM workshops, all orientations (including District In gatherings) DRUUMM, LUUNA, and at Opening/Closing ceremonies.
11. Anti Racism/Anti Oppression (AR/AO) trainings for all hospitality services including local volunteers.
12. Linda has volunteered to be liaison to DRUUMM and Janice Marie as President of DRUUMM agreed to be the liaison to the GAPC.
13. Revisit the guidelines for Presenters that were developed after the Rochester GA.
14. Create real space inside of GA for a gathering of Stakeholders doing AR/AO work (organizational, district, congregational.)

VII. Budget for GA 2006

Jan distributed copies of a new Budget and walked members of the Committee through the parts, explaining what is included in each line item. Income streams through registrations, meals, and chargeable services like child care, advertising, exhibits and AV. The largest expense items include salaries and benefits for all GA Staff, Printing, Postage, Bankcard Charges, and Travel for the GAPC and registrations/expenses for the Volunteer Committee. A/V Rental another large expense line, not all of which can be recouped.

Some items that popped out: Child care and Young Fun subsidies = \$32,000 for 70 families or 125 children.

The GA Budget for 2005 was in the red by \$15,000+ due to low registrations and covering the registrations of congregation presidents.

Afternoon Session

I. Divide into Plenary and Services Task Groups

Plenary Hall Task Group:

Ginger (Leader), Beth, Donald, Fred, Barb and ½ of Linda with a portfolio of Agenda/Script, Awards, Ambiance, CSW Liaison, Mini Assemblies, Stage Design, Technology, Ushers and Ware Lecture

Worship and Celebration Task Group:

Walt (Leader), Pat, Lynda, Tim and ½ Linda

Constituencies:

Barb (Leader) Fred, Lynda, Walt and Tim

Services:

Beth (Leader) Linda, Ginger, Donald and Pat

II. Budget Part II

Returning to the budget discussion, Jan continued to walk through changes in the 2006 budget both income projections and expense budgets. Jan distributed a packet of information on Registration Fees from 1991 – 2006 proposed. Discussion points included:

- 251 reimbursements processed for Congregation Presidents in 2005. 350 are projected for 2006. The increase in fees from \$260 – 280 will in part help pay for the subsidy in CP registration fees.
- Exhibitor fees are quite low relative to other conferences.
- 3,404 registration fees are needed to make the proposed budget work.
- Tinkering with scholarships, reduced rates v. reimbursement of rebates (groups such as clergy spouses)

Bart suggested that youth participation at GAs has been good and important. Raising the registration for youth may adversely affect youth attendance.

III. Report Back from Plenary and Services

Worship and Celebration: we are talking about moving the Opening back to 8:00 PM – a shorter ceremony time frame. This task group sketched out its overall accountabilities. The Native American acknowledgement will be difficult in St. Louis because which tribe to identify to give the greeting is not obvious. Other objectives: 1) examples of Right Relations in different contexts; 2) light and quick parade of banners then move into Plenary; 3) a closing with a genuine welcome to the evening's entertainment. Music will be a central part of both opening and closing events. Tim will take lead on liaison to Bridging and Lynda will support him. We just began to sketch out Closing Ceremonies by identifying service elements including the Children's Choir.

Plenary Hall Task Group: Ginger reported that stage design would set up for the tables at the front of Plenary Hall for CSWs needs. Discussed technology needs set-up (Elizabeth Collins will be at the tech deck working with Donald who will be Technology liaison.) Discussed revising the manual on this area - Beth and Ginger to work on. May need more microphones on the floor. Will have an orientation for all key players on the floor of Plenary to make sure that information is shared and they talk to one another. Fred Stage Design, Donald Tech, Barbara and Ginger Ushers, Beth is Ambiance and Linda is script and CSW liaison and with, Barbara, Mini Assemblies.

IV. PC Sponsored Programs

The subcommittee (Ginger Brown, Donald Wilson and Walt Wieder) met and reviewed the application received for Planning Committee Sponsorship of programs and workshops at GA 2006. (All proposals were listed and distributed to PC Members with the meeting packet.) After discussion, the Planning Committee sponsored Workshops and major presentations were approved. Letters will be sent out notifying those selected.

Saturday, September 17

Morning Session

I. Meeting with Bill Sinkford

There are many new ideas being implemented at the Association and at GA this year with an activist President and Moderator. One of the functions of religious community is to preserve tradition so that change comes hard to us. To begin with GA will have different days this year.

Things to cover at this meeting:

- What support does this PC need from the office of the President?
- The new grid was shared with Bill lifting up the dedicated slots for the CSW mini-assemblies, and for Covenant Groups to meet.
- The preacher for the Thursday evening SLT will be Judith Meyer from Santa Monica, CA; the preacher for Sunday morning will be Gail Geisenhainer a humanist colleague from Vero Beach, FL.
- Bill reporting on his work dealing with the fallout from Dallas/Ft. Worth related to the youth of color and has appointed a Review Commission to unpack the issue and provide insights and feedback to the board and to the youth of color. A preliminary report to the Board will be given in October and a final in January.
- Need to be in closer contact with the St. Louis police well before GA arrives.
- Hospitality applies not only to those who may be looking for us but also to those who are here. "Blaming and shaming" is not the approach to take in our conversations and communications about the Right Relationships that we are seeking.
- Bill will be traveling to Africa with Charlie Clements of the UUSC and some members of Congress with an ear to hearing more about the Truth and Reconciliation Process. The local service project in St. Louis will again be the recipient of the Sunday offering.
- Meeting planned with Judith, Gail and Bill and Linda as a liaison from the GAPC to develop worship themes.
- St. Louis ranks 153 in the nation on a measure of metropolitan areas that "do well" with race and diversity matters. We have good congregations in the St. Louis area who are ministering in that environment. We need to pay attention to avenues of communication to avoid the "door knocking" phenomenon and develop a number of communication pathways.

II. Report Back from Task Groups

Constituencies:

Barbara reported on the assignments – Tim: Youth Caucus and Young Adults; Fred Child Care, Day Camp and Young Fun. Lynda will take the lead on Orientation with support of Walt. The

scope of orientation has broadened from just the session on Wednesday to a sharing of the orientation information to other groups who will be doing orientation. Site Specific, GA Specific

Services:

Ambiance has been moved to the Plenary Task Group and Beth will handle.

Chaplains/Crisis Center: Beth will take the lead. Problems and issues in past were discussed.

Covenant Groups: Linda will coordinate with Harlan. **Service Project:** Pat has been recommended to be the liaison to this section. **Evaluations:** Donald will be reviewing the form and the questions asked. **Evening Entertainment:** Donald will be the liaison to the local group selecting evening entertainment. **Feedback Session:** Beth will do with Pat

Food/Intergenerational Event: unanimous opinion that none possible. **Greening:** Ginger working with Jan **Monitoring:** Ginger and Donald will be developing some first level monitoring of workshops and programs. An instrument TBD.

Afternoon Session

I. Meet with UUMN

Beth Norton and Mimi Bornstein – GA Choir Director and Music Director at 1st U in Rockland Maine.

Children's Choir this year – to be part of Closing Ceremony. They will need Plenary Hall rehearsal time. Leon Burke, will be coordinating the CC this year and will be based at a site near GA but not onsite. Sandra Snow is their director.

The Budget –a) the GA Song leader – formalize the position and b) the GA Band and c) the coordination of music throughout the week.

Walt provided an overview of our preliminary thinking of how there is a flow from Opening through Closing including the worship services. Lynda will be the primary contact with the GA Music Coordinator who will coordinate music at Opening, pre-plenary worships, SLT and Sunday Worship and Closing Ceremony. The ideal would be to have a Music Worship Team including the Choir Director, the Accompanist and the GA Music Coordinator.

Pro adding a Coordinating Position: it is difficult to get all of the music content coordinated. The accompanist will be going to all of the venues but not coordinating the music. Space and time for the band or where other musicians could rehearse is needed – it could be a room with an electronic piano (88 keys) but most needed is to identify a rehearsal (and possibly storage) space.

Questions:

1. Size of choirs -- children's and adult -- we need to look at models from GAs in Boston and Nashville to see how they can all be together
2. Risers and Music Stands: (Beth will find e.g. ask Leon)
3. Hymn Coordinator and UUMN Contact – Lynda B
4. Podium for Music Director – need to get a platform

Process time: The Committee discussed the big questions raised in this discussion with the UUMN. Ultimately the GAPC needs to get into right relationship with the UUMN and make explicit the line of accountability and control.

II. Repeat Programs

A significant number of presenters who sign up for repeat programming don't show up. We need a subcommittee to look at repeat programs to vet the requests for repeats. Reduce the number of repeats to just two Plenary Sessions rather than 6. Need to look at the subject of the

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repeat program: if the subject would pertain to people who should be at Plenary then we should not approve it.

III. Jan's Report Part II

Event Request: Deadline is February 1. If you are a liaison to a committee then please remind all the parties to get their requests in on time.

2010 Site Visit October 16, 2005: Ginger, Jan and Don Plante will be visiting Indianapolis, Louisville, Pittsburgh and Minneapolis (June 13 time available in 2010 not the later week. Prairie Star District has not been a site for many years and has only one other large city, Kansas City, which is shut out to us because of other meetings).

There is growing support for holding our Association's 50th Anniversary in 2011 being in the Washington, DC/Baltimore area.

St. Louis Hotels: the prices on the sheets distributed are not current but in the ball park. The Renaissance Grand is closest to the Convention Center. The Holiday Inn is where the GAPC Hospitality Suite will be. Outside food can also be brought in to the Holiday Inn. Get reservations in after February 1. General Housing registration opens March 1.

Affiliate Groups: The UUA board has come up with some recommendations for paring the list of Affiliate Organizations who historically have each gotten 2 workshop slots. The Committee discussed the number of slots available to Associate and Sponsored Organizations etc.

IV. Exhibit Hall Policy

1) Discussed one Complaint from a person who could not afford to pay for a booth and wanted to sell merchandise.

2) Safety – when is the Public Welcome to be in the Exhibit Hall? (Only before, during and after the Sunday Worship Service.)

3) Concerns about 'cultural misappropriation' and offensive materials in some booths.

Suggest a Subgroup to review the language we send out to exhibitors, when/if the Exhibit Hall will be open to the public and the process that should be used for reviewing Exhibitors' booth content.

V. Alcohol Policy

The GAPC Policy is: no alcohol (cash bar) available at events co-sponsored with youth and where youth are invited and included. In a conversation with Jesse Jaeger and with the Youth Jan reports that for some events there is nothing that would stop an adult to buy a youth a drink. In Ft. Worth some poorly trained bar tenders were actually asking youth if they would like to buy a drink. Minimally the request is that cash bars not be available at evening entertainment events. In general there has been a concern about alcohol use at GA. Some adults have certainly used alcohol inappropriately and behaved inappropriately at GA. Language in the General Information section of the Program Book will be strengthened with regard to alcohol use.

VI. Mailing the GA Program

A recommendation came from our Greening Consultant to have our Program Printed online in advance rather than mailing it out ahead of time and then giving another copy on site. Bulk Rate mailing of GA Programs is a huge headache for Jan's staff because there are such huge variations in mailing and delivery times. As soon as Programs are mailed the office starts getting calls that some members of the congregation have already received theirs and they want a first class special mailing.

The Program is already available in PDF format online. The sense of the GAPC is to continue to Bulk Mail GA Programs.

Sunday, September 18

Morning Session

I. Policy on Registration

Jan noted that the Policy that this Committee agreed upon is that *everyone* pays. Everyone must wear credentials. Samples of issues that arise: "I'm here just to do my one session and then leave..." or "I am here only to hear my child sing in the Children's Chorus..." (Note: this will not be a problem if the Children's Chorus only sings during Sunday Worship) "Members of a minister's family who want to come to hear a sermon preached..." "Choir members who come only to sing and then leave..." What about the Honor System - what do you do if you see someone who does not have a name tag on?

Rationale for a stricter enforcement:

- It is a safety issue
- It is part of being in Right Relationship to expect everyone to wear credentials
- How much policing are volunteer ushers expected to do vis-à-vis visible credentials?
- Need to increase signage and announcements regarding the need to always wear credentials when attending meetings.

Need a subcommittee to address all of the issues.

II. Budget Revision

A Subcommittee met to review and make recommendations regarding the Fee Structure at GA 2006 and what follows is their report:

Registration Fees:

\$280 for FT and maintain the differentials in other categories.

With regard to Young Adults, the Subcommittee was split and came to no agreement with regard to how to deal with adding a new fee category for Young Adults.

Advertising and Exhibits:

Discussion of whether or not ads could be put online in PDF in which case there is justification for increasing rates because of the longer time ads may be viewed. Subcommittee recommends a \$75 increase in each ad category.

With regard to the exhibits, the Subcommittee recommends adopting the fee structure proposed for UU groups (e.g. they are in the UUA Directory) but substantially increasing the exhibit fees for commercial (non-UU) vendors.

The rationale for the proposed increases: increased costs for security and extended exhibit hall hours.

Children's Programs:

Jan reported on the Subcommittee's recommendations to substantially increase the fee structure across the board for child care and Young Fun.

Rationale: the fee structure in place was based on child care at \$5 per hour which is simply not reasonable. The Subcommittee checked the fee structure at our UU Camps and Conferences as a test of the appropriateness of our fees. Also, even with the proposed increased fees, our GAPC budget is substantially subsidizing child care at GA.

Young Adult Fee Structure:

The rationale for providing a special reduced rate for young adults is that this is a highly desirable constituency to include in the work of our Association, and for many of them the costs to attend GA are challenging. The rationale for not introducing a new sub-category is that the 18-35 year old cohort is not uniformly financially disadvantaged or necessarily uniformly committed to the YA Caucus. One avenue discussed was some model based on the way in which Congregational Presidents get a refund of registration fees when they attend a certain meeting with Gini and Bill.

Suggestion: put money into YA Caucus to allow them to administer a scholarship program or increase the number of staff positions (subsidized volunteers). Increase our Scholarship program to \$25,000 and designate a portion for a block grant to the YAs or for scholarships for YAs.

Background: About 100 YAs participate in the YA Caucus. There are fewer subsidized volunteers for YAs than for youth. GAPC does provide a Youth Caucus grant of \$25,000 (something that has proved greatly beneficial to the Association and GA.) A substantial number of those who have received scholarships in the past have been Young Adults.

Proposal: Bring Scholarship line item up to \$25,000 and allocate the extra \$5,000 to the YA Caucus to administer and then report back on how the money was used and to what effect.

III. Wrapping Up Loose Ends

Tickets to Ware Lecture for local non-Registrants: Name Badge is ticket for GA attendees; other tickets (proposed) would be made available to groups such as Interfaith clergy in the St. Louis area..

- An Invitation (rather than ticket) to this Lecture.
- A number of these could be provided

Hymn contest not favored by this Committee.

Scholarship Committee to be addressed in January when the full committee is together.

Opening/Closing/Worship Task Group (Walt, Tim, Lynda and Pat) were not all present when assignments were being made so that this information will be forthcoming at a later date.

IV. Motions

Motions #1 – 12 were individually introduced, discussed in some cases, and approved.

Motion #1 UUA-GA e-mail Listserv: To approve the DRAFT policy as proposed in the September 2005 GAPC Packet that one person from the GA Planning Committee be assigned to monitor the list and offer replies and comments as needed.

Motion #2 GA Matching Grant Scholarship Program: To approve in the GA Scholarship Program (pp 16-18 in September GAPC Packet) to make it a program of matching grants, with GAPC funds providing a match of up to \$250 in congregational contribution plus registration fee if not covered by the congregation. This program to go into effect for GA 2006.

Motion #3 Ingathering Program Slot for CLF: That the GAPC allot a space to the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) for an in-gathering at the beginning of GA.

Motion #4 Repeat Programming: At GA 2006, the scheduling of repeat workshop programs during plenary sessions will be limited to one time slot during Plenary 5 on Saturday and two slots during Plenary 7 on Sunday.

Motion #5 International Organizations GA Program Slots: That the Planning Committee give 5 program slots to organizations in the category of International Organizations as defined by the Board of Trustees.

Motion #6: Task Group on Independent Affiliates: That the GAPC assign a Task Group to review the UUA Board of Trustees "Report of the Committee on Independent Affiliates" to 1)

determine a timeline for addressing the Board's recommendations to the GAPC and present it at the October 2005 UUA Board of Trustees Meeting; and 2) determine a procedure for vetting applications for program slots submitted by Independent Affiliate Organizations.

Motion #7: Exhibit Hall Policy: The Exhibit Hall will be open to the general public only on Sunday before, during and after the Worship Service.

Motion #8: Alcohol Policy: The policy of the GAPC is that there will be no alcoholic beverages served or sold within those General Assembly Events which are solely or jointly sponsored by the Planning Committee.

Motion #9: Registration Fees in Budget: To approve the Fee Structure for registration fees as presented in the printed proposal of the request for subsidy of Congregation Presidents.

Motion #10: Fee Structures at GA 2006: To approve the fee structure for children's programs and advertising and exhibits as proposed at the September 2005 GAPC meeting,

Motion #11: GA 2006 Budget: to approve the budget for GA 2006 as discussed in the September 2005 GAPC Meeting.

Motion #12: Opening the Ware Lecture: that the Ware Lecture be opened to the Interfaith Community of the St. Louis area on an invitational basis.

Minutes Prepared by Lynda Bluestein, Secretary.