

## ***Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast - Board Meeting Minutes***

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**Date:** December 16, 2013

**Time:** 6:30PM

**Place:** Unitarian Universalist Fellowship; Valparaiso; Florida

**Members Present:** Karen Lauer called the meeting to order at 6:30pm; Beth Reindl Madrigal, Ed Farley, Rece Hawley, Reverend Rod Debs (Ex-Officio), Kathy Roniger, Josh Ashley, Don Hawkins, Board Members. Micah Kriider, Amanda Piburn and Loren Boyer were absent Board Members.

**Guests Present:** John Drury and Denny Lauer were guests.

**Welcome and Check In** – One word was given from all in attendance to describe what they would like to see done.

**Chalice Lighting** – Reverend Rod gave a spiritual reading from a Ben Franklin quote.

**Treasurer's Report** – Ed reported on the November financials. Summary is attached.

**Secretary's Report** – Minutes will be presented via electronic communications from the October Executive Session but put on hold until further review again. Minutes were not available for November. Will be presented in January, both November and December regular board and from Miriam Williams on the Annual Congregation meeting and voting results, which have been sent out via electronic e-mail.

**President's Report** – Karen reported her gratefulness and gratitude to all of the board members, especially the outgoing, for their perseverance and dedication to the board and to the fellowship.

**DRE Report** – Beth (interim DRE) reported all is well with the children, and attendance is up. We are looking at several field trips and/or explorations to places such as the Hyde Museum, Planetarium, working on the Peace Pole with Robert Larson, pictures with Lars Runir and other upcoming projects.

**Minister's Report** – Reverend Rod reported that he will be out of town to spend Christmas with family. He raised the discussion of church size invited reflections on how a congregation works together.

### **Committee Liaison Reports:**

**Religious Services** – No report.

**Program Council** – Josh wasn't available for the meeting so Chris Larson led it. No report is available.

**Religious Exploration** – No report.

**Facilities** – The door from the building to the playground is installed. Micah has volunteered to get ramp built and oversee that project. No timeline has been set for this yet.

**Membership** – Ed reported that we had many membership activities the past few months as the Farley's welcomed home Michael Highland from a mission with a great party at their home. The committee is also recommending some changes to the By-Laws to include how membership is recognized at the fellowship for inactive members. Our certification of membership is due February 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be what our membership dues are based upon.

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**Communications** – Beth reported very much the same as last month. The website crashed in November. Please check your information on the site and send all corrections to [webmaster@uufec.com](mailto:webmaster@uufec.com) (Miriam W.) and it will get corrected. Patience is appreciated.

**Food, Fun and Fellowship** – Diane reported that so far dining for dollars raised \$470 to date. GSA movie night on January 17<sup>th</sup> is also coming up. Another movie night is February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Bylaws Committee** –Kathy provided a draft to the board for further review and the board accepted that draft as the completion of this Ad Hoc committee's work for the year.

**Executive Session** – The guests were asked to leave and the board held an executive session so that the new board could be updated with information that is relevant to the future plans and private needs of the congregation.–

**Closing** – Rod closed with a quote from Langston Hughes.

Board adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

Democratically submitted by Beth Reindl Madrigal, Board Secretary.