

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast

## Board of Trustees

### Minutes 13 April 2015

Attendees: Jane Park, Stiles Thompson, Miriam Williams, John Drury, Loren Boyer, Karen Lauer, Jennifer Conroy, Rece Howley,

Absent: Shirley Boughton, Don Hawkins, Dave Abraham

Other attendees: Karen Matteson, John Holt

Jane Park called the meeting to order 18:30, attendees accomplished check-in.

**Jennifer Conroy moved to accept agenda. Stiles Thompson seconded. *President abstained, all others in favor. Motion carried.***

John Holt reviewed and answered questions on the budget. John Drury asked after the separate funds for memorial bricks and sound system. Karen Lauer asked after UUA annual program fund in regards to how much we must give to be listed as a “Fair Share” congregation. John Holt said he would adjust as necessary to maintain “Fair Share” status. Jane Park requested amendment to RE subcategories to allow for unexpected expenses. John Holt said he would adjust as necessary using reserve funds if it was insufficient, and leave it as is if it is sufficient.

Finance committee recommends launching a campaign to hire a new minister. Each board member voiced their opinion on the matter.

**Miriam Williams moved to accept budget as amended. Loren Boyer seconded.**

Discussion: John Drury clarified that as it stands the budget pays for a minister up to December 31, 2015. Karen Matteson stated that we need to get a vision statement and get behind the campaign as a board to make a campaign work. Karen Lauer stated that we need to clarify the budget and clearly explain that we want to have a minister after 1 January 2015.

Jennifer Conroy moved to strike the \$300 Religious Exploration campaign from income. The motion was not seconded.

Jennifer Conroy moved to move \$1380 from capital improvement expenses to guest speakers under Religious Services line item. The motion was not seconded.

Jennifer Conroy moved to bring discuss and vote on the ministerial contract before voting on the congregational budget. The motion was not seconded.

Karen Lauer noted (point of clarification) that the budget can be amended as needed. John Drury stated budget should be decided upon before the ministerial contract.

**Vote on motion to accept budget as amended: 5 in favor; 0 against. 3 abstained. Motion carried.**

Karen Matteson passed out evaluations, due back by Sunday, 21 April 2015, in Jane Park's mailbox.

Discussed importance of board communicating with the congregation IRT way forward with ministerial position and funding. By consent, the Board approved Don Harrison to serve as a UUFEC delegate at the April 15 meeting of the UUA mid-South District meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.