

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

January 2015

Board Members in Attendance: Jane Park, Shirley Boughton, Miriam Williams, Stiles Thompson, Karen Lauer, Don Hawkins, John Drury, Jen Conroy

Other Attendees: Karen Matteson

AGENDA REVIEW

Jane Park asked to remove discussion of the Rod Deb's exit interview from the agenda and to replace it with a discussion of room usage policy.

Miriam Williams moved to remove discussion of the Rod Deb's exit interview from the agenda and to replace it with a discussion of room usage policy. Jen Conroy seconded. Vote: President abstained, all others in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES REVIEW:

Shirley Boughton moved to accept December 2014 Board meeting minutes as amended. Miriam Williams seconded. Vote: President abstained; all others in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Communications and Facilities received and reviewed without comment.

Does Religious Services need advertising for this item? Rev. Matteson is under the impression that it is RSC will take care of advertising.

RE Committee: Looking into reports for background checks and what was required. UUA keeps files on ministers but not volunteers and staff. Liability insurance companies might be able to make recommendations for this. Questions arose to possible state and county requirements. Ben Gordon family visitation center might have some information.

MINISTER'S REPORT:

Rev. Matteson checked on a congregation member who was in the hospital; suggested a "kickoff dinner" and other similar events to begin the canvassing season; suggested ceremony to recognize old and new congregation leaders during a February service.

Jane Park reassigned the liaisons for the standing committees:

FINANCE: Stiles Thompson

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION: Jen Conroy

COMMUNICATIONS: John Drury

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:

FACILITIES: Don Hawkins

MEMBERSHIP: Karen Lauer

RELIGIOUS SERVICES: Shirley Boughton

FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP: suggested Rece Howley

Congratulations and thanks made to Stiles Thompson and John Holt for work as Treasurer and Financial Committee Chair.

FINANCIAL REPORT. Stiles said he could bring in the special funds and reveal them on a quarterly basis to ensure “cash at end of period” lines show appropriate details. Stiles said he will talk to Marion in regards to appropriate numberings for Minister’s Package, especially IRT housing and salary. Jane Park asked for better projections for the rest of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Jane Park would like to schedule a 3-hour retreat for the board and requested board members respond to future email with proposed dates and priority list.

Shirley Boughton spoke to the new repeal of the state of Florida’s ban on same-sex marriage and conducting wedding ceremonies. Florida state law designates the decision to officiate same sex marriages to the officiant (the minister) and encourages “designated elders” to assist. The board discussed logistics and costs for offering this service to the public. John Drury suggested canvassing for notaries public in the congregation to supplement in Rev. Karen’s absence.

Board supports Shirley Boughton’s initiative to pursue increased marriage equality in UUFECC.

Jane Park adjourned the meeting.