

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast Minutes of the Board Meeting July 25, 2011

Call to Order

President Denny Lauer called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Also present were Ed Farley, Diane Gibson, Micah Krider, Karen Lauer, Chris Larson, Kathy Roniger, Sandra Topp, and Tiny Anderson.

Minister Focus

Karen Lauer provided a reading in lieu of Reverend Rod Debs.

Review Agenda

Denny reviewed subject matter for the evening.

Review Minutes of June Meeting

Chris offered some vocabulary and spelling changes. Ed motioned for acceptance of the minutes as amended. Chris seconded.

Finance Report

Ed will send a group email encouraging pledges be made up-to-date in this mid-summer period. The bank now wants to begin charging per month for maintaining our line of credit. Denny suggested finding out whether there would be a charge if the line was “active” (if we took out a very small loan).

Receipts from the April ‘60s party/auction in May’s numbers was \$400.

Gross receipts for the 4th of July potluck were \$460.

The office computer failed two weeks ago. The new one bought has a 3 yr. maintenance and spyware package.

Congregational Ministry Committee Report

Tiny read the recent report and distributed copies. Some facts and issues were discussed about the Memorial Day posting incident involving Chris Larson and President Denny Lauer. Aesthetics Committee guidelines from Aug. 2009 were distributed to the group. Discussion ensued about past availability of the guidelines before the Board’s Speech & Postings Policy was passed. Denny made the distinction that the Speech and Postings Policy addressed content, not placement. Karen offered a reminder that part of the CMC’s mission is to oversee/coordinate guidelines or policies issued from the various Fellowship committees, and that all were works in

progress; she also encouraged that argument give way to resolution for the good of the Fellowship. Ed suggested communicating policies clearly to the Congregation when they are enacted.

RE Status

Fence status: “The fence will commence” on the coming Saturday.

Payment for large expenditures will be handled through Fred Boyer of the Facilities Committee.

DRE Search status: There is presently a selection of applicants, though a choice was not made by July 8 as was hoped. There was confidence that a decision would be reached soon.

Bylaws Committee

The committee has received proposals for changes to Articles and grammar. They will do appropriate research and develop proposals to the Board, after which the Board will make and present final recommendations to the congregation at the October Congregational Meeting.

The October Meeting could possibly be made a fun event also, with microphones made available for airing views about the proposed changes.

Action on the part of the Bylaws Committee is put on hold until the Minister’s return, due to the Sabbatical agreement with him.

Closing.

The date of the August meeting is 15 Aug 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Vice President Micah Krider will preside in Denny Lauer’s absence.

Karen gave a reading and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Gibson
UUFEC Board Secretary