

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast  
Minutes of the Board Meeting March 21, 2011

**Call to Order**

President Denny Lauer called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.  
Also present were Diane Gibson, Micah Krider, Karen Lauer, Chris Larson, Kathy Roniger, Sandra Topp, and Judy Byrne Riley. Rev. Rod Debs arrived later.

**Minister Focus** was skipped. Rev. Rod was at an O.W.L. class.

**Review Agenda**

Denny reviewed.

**Review Minutes of February Meeting**

Several corrections and clarifications were noted. Diane read a clarification given her by Rev. Rod previously to include in corrections. Diane will also make sure the recent Speech and Postings policy was posted by Chris Jordan to enter on the website. Micah and Sandra motioned and seconded to accept the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report**

Judy Byrne Riley was present in place of Ed Farley, who was traveling. Present Budget summary is "pretty clean." Pledge variances are resolved, Balance is \$614 in the black. \$30K cash available; also, \$20K is available as a line of credit.

**Finance Committee Report**

1. Offer of \$15K+ for settlement of auto accident damage to bldg. was signed  
off on by Pres. Denny. (\$\$ will be put in Savings for now.) RE will make decisions with Facilities Comm. about where they want to relocate the playground,  
plant replacement trees, and what is needed. So far an exterior door is a major item  
under consideration.
2. The Fellowship is now in the possession of 2 Peavey speakers @ \$300 each and 4 handheld mics w/rechargeable batteries. One lapel mic in on order. Diane clarified that the main reason for conflict over lapel mics

had to do with most users' unwillingness to pay attention to proper use of the devices, which caused both breakage and lack of

successful sound quality, as reported by John Drury. An MP3 recorder is coming also, to handle sound materials from USB devices.

3. A \$70K+ figure (Fred Boyer's average of figures from Judy Byrne Riley, Don Hawkins, and himself) is too high, in Judy Byrne's opinion. Tax rolls still show bldg. has value, but sellers are saying no value--that just a piece property is being sold. Chris Larson commented that \$50K is reasonable, to her, given negative value of the house at this time.

Time considerations were noted:

- a. Pledges by members will need time to execute (movement of stock funds, etc.)
- b. Chalice Lighter application to UUA for funds needs to be put together now to give time for approval to come through.
- c. A hard figure of total pledges is needed yet, hopefully by the April meeting.
- d. Contact with larger \$ donors should be able to be done in the next week. (Judy will make the forms for pledges.)

It was apparent to Judy Byrne that there were conflicting views on how the

building could be used. Rod suggested getting folks together to talk would

probably resolve the issue. Karen suggested an informational meeting be held before the final congregational meeting to smooth the process on the way to voting . It was agreed the congregation would be the approval body of purchase, and that the Board President would sign the documents.

4. Celebration Sunday March 27. 2011 coming for pledge commitments.

5. Pledge Committee meeting to be set for late March for follow-up.

### **Minister's Report**

Rod reported news of weddings and elder folks' concerns and needs.

April 1-3: Annual Assembly

April 8&9: Pensacola UU CampOut

Month of May: Youth Service

June 3-5: Beach Con

June 22-25: GA in Charlotte, NC

4<sup>th</sup> O.W.L. curriculum is starting successfully.

June-July he will visit Christian congregations here in the area and would like for the Fellowship to have an Interfaith Peace Day, maybe with food, etc.

Chris voiced Beach Con concerns regarding Gulf oil spill hazards.

### **Non-Agenda Item**

Judy Byrne Riley noted that a goal of hers this year is to promote a cold night shelter in the Niceville area.

### **Closing**

Rod provided a reading. President Denny adjourned the meeting at 7:53 P.M.

Next meeting is April 18, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Gibson, UUFEC Board Secretary