

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast
Minutes of the Board Meeting May 16, 2011**

Call to Order

President Denny Lauer called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.. Also present at the meeting were Diane Gibson, Karen Lauer, Chris Larson, Sandra Topp, and Millie Williams. Denny read a thought for the day (in Rod Debs' absence).

Review Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and passed without comment.

Review of Minutes of April Meeting

Correction of children's fence as "planned for" being put in the east side location. Motion by Sandra, second by Chris for the minutes to be accepted as corrected. Vote was unanimous as corrected.

There was a short discussion about discomfort with the (last month) appearance of Rod and Kesh Vladamani, and Kesh's continued presence during discussion and voting. It was agreed that any issue brought before the Board should be done in such a way that Board members are able to have a free and open discussion amongst themselves.

Review Results of Annual Meeting

New Board members and by-law changes will be discussed at the October Annual Meeting. The April 24, 2011 Financial Meeting logistics were commented upon, and compliments made about the conciseness and brevity of Ed Farley's presentation.

Treasurer's Report

Gross Profit	\$151,569
Total Expense	\$133,586
Net Income	\$17,983 (including insurance settlement of \$18,300)

Pledges brought in are at 91%, a terrific record. Fundraising was exemplary at \$10,157, in at 99% of budget.

Denny proposed that all of the collection from the service of May 15 be sent to The Mountain. Moved by Karen, seconded by Sandra. Vote was Aye but for one abstention by Chris.

Diane posed a question: Is there communication to Fellowship Committees

month to month as to income/outgo levels for each committee? It wasn't certain whether there was, from Finance Committee or from Treasurer.

Proposed By-law Changes

There was discussion of the power and responsibility of the Finance Committee in the Fellowship. The by-laws might need changing/clarifying to allow for decision-making by the Board, advising made by Finance-- instead of the other way around. Then elected members would have final say, rather than appointed ones.

Denny recommended that every board member download the By-laws and review them for possible changes, in order for the By-Law Committee to begin discussion at a later date (before July 18). Members were asked to please submit ideas for changes before the next Board meeting to Karen.

UUA GA Representatives

The available and eligible ones were determined to be Karen and Denny Lauer for this year. Motion to accept Denny and Karen as delegates and to give President Denny authority to assign Chris Larson as an alternate was made by Millie, seconded by Diane. The vote was unanimous approval. Chris announced that the next Verbal Chalice will be a "Summer" (2 month) issue. It was requested to get material on her desk by this coming Sunday. Karen gave a testimonial statement to the group, showing appreciation for all the Board's efforts and conscientious activity.

For anyone else attending GA, a social get-together for coordination is planned at the Lauer's Sunday, June 5 at 3 p.m.

Next meeting will be June 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Karen gave a closing thought, and Denny adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Gibson
UUFEC Board Secretary