

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting May 20, 2013

Call to Order

Karen Lauer, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Present were Karen Lauer, Diane Gibson, Rece Howley, Josh Ashley, Rev. Debs (ex-officio), Ed Farley, Don Hawkins, Kathy Roniger, Amanda Piburn, Beth Reindl Madrigal, Board Members and Guests present were Jane Park, RE Chairperson, John Drury, Chris Larson, Jane Montgomery.

Reverend Rod's, Opening Words

Blessed in they who have faith enough to contemplate a world of peace and justice in the midst of grief and strife. David Reese Williams

Chalice Lighting & Remembrance

The board observed a moment of silence in remembrance of our fellow board member Derek Reding, who recently died.

Board Meeting Procedures

Josh reviewed the Board meeting procedures and Don made motion to approve, Amanda seconded with further discussion with a small grammatical change the procedure document was approved.

Religious Exploration/DRE

Jane Park discussed the resignation of Darrell and Debbie Brunning and the need to hire a new permanent DRE. Beth Reindl Madrigal is serving as a temporary DRE with a contract through June 30 of this year. Discussion ensued about the need for a RE Retreat and to allow further discussion about the position expectations and an adaptation of the needs of the program. Because of the timing of this we will possibly need to extend Beth's temporary position. Jane is gone through July so we need to have the retreat when she comes back.

Rece Hawley motioned to extend to end of September, Josh seconded. Discussion ensued. Unanimously, the board decided to approve the extension, with Beth's abstention. We need to start a permanent DRE process. We also need to amend the motion to extend Beth's time until a permanent replacement can be found (if a good replacement is found earlier, Beth's extension could end sooner) or the end of September. Unanimous vote to amend the FIRST motion, then a unanimous vote to carry the amended motion. All motions were carried with Beth's abstention.

Minutes of the April Meeting

Minutes of the April meeting were presented by Rece Howley as she submitted in Beth Reindl Madrigal, current Secretary's absence. The minutes were approved with a small change to amend the minutes to say "for the auction and annual meeting"—see Karen's notes.

Finance Report

May2012-April2013 Budget shows we have a deficit of around \$2,995 from that budget year. The adjusted without additions would be \$110,258. Ed read his report and would you do the analysis, we will actually come in at \$13,874 of the necessary operating funds for the budget as projected. A copy of the analysis is available for necessary details should we need them. The board discussed many option to fundraising and pledge drives and this will be addressed again as we analyze the actual verses budgeted income and the shortfalls that may arise.

Annual Meeting results

We reviewed the Budget and passed the projected budget as outlined by Ed Farley at the annual meeting. The Silent Auction with Scotty's books included brought in around \$500, but the figures are not currently available.

CMC Report

Jane Montgomery discussed the seven letters sent to them and the concerns of those bringing issues to the CMC and not discussing the issues with the involved parties, if this were the situation. The board talked about Connie Goodbread and her visit and the possibility of her return. Karen discussed her returning and said Connie has a tight schedule but would try to come back if we requested another visit. She discussed the fact that Connie indicated if we need further help after the next visit, we would have to enter a contract and that could cost anywhere from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Something we can talk about at another time if the funds are available for this.

Committee Reports

Religious Services – Amanda Piburn said we are down to two members plus Rod. Amanda received ideas and only one person showed interest and this was Shar Farley. She will lead a service.

Membership Committee

Our chair, Derek Reding, is no longer with us and Ed Farley volunteered to take his place as the liaison on that committee.

Facilities Committee

Don reported playground work day yesterday, lots of people came out to help with the completion of the playground. We will have another workday soon.

Food, Fun and Fellowship

Diane Gibson report that the dance will be June 1st at the fellowship. Don Harrison and Jennifer Conroy want to do a game night. The committee will be in communication about what activities will be coming up over the summer.

Communications Committee

Beth Reindl Madrigal talked about the formation of the new committee and the offers extended to Julian Dawson and Miriam Williams to be on this committee.

Julian has not been in attendance lately and Beth will follow up with him and set up a meeting time in June. Mariam Williams agreed to take over the website for Chris Jordan who will be moving soon. Chris and Miriam met earlier this afternoon for a short training session.

Ministers Report

Reverend Rod reported on the stressful month. We all discussed Dereks' death and the need for some discussions among the congregation. We will be having a service at the fellowship soon. He spoke with Jenny Barr from the mental health association and she agreed to come and facilitate with him. Don Harrison, Patti Abraham and Miriam Williams also agreed to help facilitate this group with him and all of us will gather together.

Rod discussed the RE Service, Garden Club, several events held here that are growing our community. He discussed the Caring Circle and it's growth to 9 people. Reverend Rod says Gary is still in jail and he will see him in the morning. Kathy suggested that he has been telling people he was being released. Darrell's resigned from any contact with the Shared Ministry. Rod wanted to recognize and thank Darrell when he can.

Extinguishing the Chalice – Rod's Reading

If we want Peace the thing we must accomplish is first to win each others trust and next to deserve it. Pat Hine

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.