

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast
Minutes of the Board Meeting November 15, 2010**

Call to Order

President Denny Lauer called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. Board members in attendance in addition to President Lauer were: Ed Farley, Diane Gibson, Don Harrison, Micah Krider, Karen Lauer, Chris Larson, Jane Montgomery, Elena Roser, Millie Williams, Scotty Zilinsky and Ex Officio Member, Rod Debs. Fred Boyer was also in attendance.

Minister Focus

Reverend Debs performed the chalice lighting and began the meeting with a reading.

Agenda Review

The board reviewed the previously distributed agenda and approved it. Diane moved that agenda be accepted and the motion was seconded by Don.

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The previously distributed minutes were accepted and approved for filing.

Treasurer's Report

Ed presented the treasurer's report and stated the current balances on this date as:

Checking	\$15,081
Savings	\$9,133
CD1	\$5,100
CD2	\$6,084
Loan	\$86,928

Ed reported that Religious Exploration (RE)'s fund raising in general was going well and that the cost of electricity has been less since the installation of the new equipment.

Building/ Land Option

Fred Boyer expressed his views on the potential purchase of the building and land that has been under consideration. His recommendation was that the fellowship make an offer to purchase the property contingent upon an appraisal, but only after the amount of cash available for the purchase is known. He also indicated that any offer should include a contingency clause related to the cost of initial maintenance. Fred indicated that this work could cost from \$6000 to \$25,000. In October, the board had passed a motion requesting that the task force acquire an appraisal, but after hearing Fred's recommendation they voted unanimously to rescind that request. The motion to rescind the previously approved motion was made by Ed and seconded by Don. Elena stated that Don Hawkins should be asked to join the Building/Land Acquisition Task Force. Don would join Judy Bryne Riley and Fred as members of the task force. There was further discussion by the group on this subject which revealed a common concern about the need to determine how the fellowship would use the building and the land if it is acquired.

Discussion of Safe Congregation

Micah indicated that he had received more feedback from Sandy Urbanczyk, but that he had been concentrating on preparing for Our Whole Life (OWL) training. He had planned to have the training on December 4th from 9 – 12 for the board and the RE Committee. A number of board members had conflicts on that date and time; after discussion it was agreed that the training would take place on December 11th from 3 – 6 PM.

Thanksgiving Rally

Chris reported on plans for a Thanksgiving rally to be held during the 2nd hour on November 21. This will be a UFEC promotional event having “Standing on the Side of Love” as its theme. This is to be a public relations event and will be filmed for YouTube.

Congregational Ministry Committee (CMC) Report

Rod, representing the committee, presented a draft proposal prepared by the committee related to freedom of speech and public postings. The board discussed the proposal along with a modification related to consulting with the individual who had done the posting (if that individual was known). Chris moved that the proposal be accepted with the modification and Diane seconded. This motion was defeated, however, and a second motion was made to table the issue. The tabling motion was made by Don and Millie seconded it.

Minister’s Report

Reverend Debs reported that the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) needs support from white people. He reported on attendance at the meeting of the Southeastern Unitarian Universalist Minister’s Association where the discussions centered around core values, what is the ministry of the congregation and the covenant with people with other ministries. Rod stated that Lynn Stafford has formed a group in the Santa Rosa Beach area. He mentioned that there will be a Thanksgiving day potluck dinner at the fellowship and that he would be away December 27th.

Southland Unitarian Universalist Leadership Experience (SUULE)

Don talked more about what he and Ashleigh Rhodes had learned at the SUULE conference they had attended a few months ago. The discussion related to the function and purpose of the board.

Committee Reports

Green Committee – Chris reported that the Green Task Force had been invited to the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to help kick-off that church’s green effort.

Verbal Chalice – Chris reported that Carson Krider is now an editor’s apprentice on the newsletter.

Adjournment

Rod provided a reading and extinguished the chalice to close the meeting which adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectively Submitted,
Jane Montgomery, UUFEC Board Secretary