

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast**  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting October 18, 2010**

**Call to Order**

In the absence of the president, Vice President Elena Roser called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Board members in attendance in addition to Vice President Roser were: Ed Farley, Micah Krider, Karen Lauer, Chris Larson, Jane Montgomery and Ex Officio Member, Rod Debs. Board members Diane Gibson, Don Harrison, Denny Lauer, Millie Williams, Scotty Zilinsky were absent. Ashleigh Rhodes was also present.

**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 amended it to include a discussion on Compassionate Communications using Webinar. Chris moved that this addition be made and the motion was seconded by Karen.

**Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

There were several corrections to the minutes from the September 2010 meeting; they were made. The minutes were approved for filing as amended.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ed presented the treasurer's report and stated the current balances are:

Checking	\$17,768
Savings	\$9,123
CD1	\$5,100
CD2	\$6,084
Loan	\$86,928

Ed reported that fund raising in general was going well and, specifically, that Dining for Dollars was very successful.

**Building/ Land Option**

There was a great deal of discussion on this issue culminated by the unanimous approval of the following motions :

Motion 1. Made by Ed Farley and seconded by Chris Larson.

The board requests the Finance Committee and the Building/Land Task Force to provide a comprehensive report that includes an appraisal and a recommendation as to the immediate action to be taken. This report is needed as soon as possible.

Motion 2. Made by Karen Lauer and seconded by Chris Larson.

The board moved to task the Finance Committee to do a preliminary canvas of members to determine what lump sum donations may be made for the purchase of the building and land. And, further to arrange for committee members and the Building/Land Task Force to survey the property as soon as possible.

### **Discussion of Safe Congregation**

Micah stated that work on this continues.

### **Discussion of Upcoming Events**

Chris reported on plans for a Thanksgiving rally to be held during the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour on November 21. This will be a UUFEF promotional event having “Standing on the Side of Love” as its theme.

There will be a Shelter House fund raiser on the afternoon of November 14<sup>th</sup>. Patti Abraham is donating her commission on sales made that day to Shelter House.

### **Minister’s Report**

Reverend Debs reported on several events from the previous month. They included a new member welcome, the one nation rally and the Healthy Congregation Conference attended by Lynn Stafford, Don Harrison and Chris Larson. Rod stated that within our ministry the focus is on small groups. He also mentioned the Helping Hands program whereby someone performs a service and the member who is the recipient makes a donation to the fellowship.

### **Southland Unitarian Universalist Leadership Experience (SUULE)**

Ashleigh Rhodes elaborated on the presentation by Annette Marquis at the SUULE conference which she and Don Harrison had attended. The presentation was titled, “Governance as Leadership” and focused on re-framing the work of non-profit boards. Ashleigh related this concept to the board’s discussion/handling of the Building/Land Option.

### **Committee Reports**

Religious Exploration – Micah reported that the orientation to the board on the Our Whole Life (OWL) training is being planned and will be scheduled.

Congregational Ministry Committee (CMC) – Rod reported that the committee is drafting a policy on postings on walls. In conjunction with this effort, they are investigating how other congregations handle the free speech issue.

Membership – Ashleigh reported that two new members had joined. She stated that the committee is discussing way to make sure there is a welcoming environment for those in the military and their families.

### **Webinar**

Chris reported that at the Healthy Congregation Conference she had signed us up to receive web based seminars on the Compassionate Communication topic. The dates of these presentations are October 19, November 2, November 30 and December 14 (all from 6 to 7:30 PM). The group discussed the first date and decided that there was not enough time to arrange participation for that date.

**Adjournment**

Rod provided a reading and extinguished the chalice to close the meeting which adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectively Submitted,  
Jane Montgomery, UUFEC Board Secretary