

## Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast Minutes of the Board Meeting October 13, 2011

### Call to order

President Denny Lauer called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Also present were Rod Debs, Ed Farley, Micah Krider, Karen Lauer, Chris Larson, Millie Williams, Scotty Zilinsky, Kathy Roniger, and Sandra Topp.

### Minister Focus

Rod Debs gave a reading

### Review of Agenda

Denny Lauer reviewed the meeting agenda. No additions were made.

### Review of September Minutes

The minutes were reviewed. Chris Larson recommended the Minutes be changed to reflect she had made a motion that the Aesthetics Committee Posting Policy should be reviewed for change. The motion was not seconded and was not considered by the Board. This change to the October Minutes was unanimously approved.

### Finance Report

Ed Farley gave the financial report. See the Board Summary Financial Report May – Sept 2011. The Report showed a deficit of \$11,536. This deficit will be adjusted down by \$11,139 for the 3 unbudgeted expenses: \$10,000 extra mortgage payment from CD; The new \$100 bank fee to keep the Line of Credit; \$1,039 expenses for a replacement PC and software.

Ed Farley reported Judy Burn Riley will step down as the Finance Chair in 2012.

An expense of \$3,000 was approved by the Board for the construction of the Nursery Fence.

### Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting will be October 23, 2011 just after the first hour service. The Board was presented with the following proposed agenda items:

- Call for Quorum
- Presentation and vote on the UUFE Board of Directors, 2012 Slate. Chris Larson will preside.
- Presentation and vote on the proposed By-Laws Changes. Karen Lauer will preside.
- Recognize our DRE's
- Emerson Society report.
- CMC report.
- Acknowledge volunteers.

### Proposed Slate

This is the proposed Slate as presented by the Search Sub-Committee lead by Micah Krider (replaced Don Harrison who as outgoing Past President would have chaired the committee), and consisting of outgoing Members at Large Karen Lauer and Chris Larson.

Executive Board:

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| President | Micah Krider  |
| VP        | Kathy Roniger |
| Secretary | Sandra Topp   |
| Treasurer | Ed Farley     |

Past President Denny Lauer

Members At Large:

Millie Williams 12/12 (Continuing)  
Scotty Zilinsky 12/12 (Continuing)  
Brenda Fleming 12/13 (Replacing Kathy Roniger)  
Derek Redding 12/13 (Replacing Sandra Topp)  
Josh Ashley 12/14 (Replacing outgoing member)  
Diane Gibson 12/14 (Replacing outgoing member)

Ex-Officio:

Rev Rod Debs

The Board thanked the Committee. No vote was taken since the Board does not approve the Slate.

**Proposed By-Laws Changes**

Karen Lauer presented the proposed By-Laws changes recommended by the By-Laws Sub-Committee she chaired; members were Kathy Roniger and Don Harrison. The proposed changes were presented and extensively discussed. The main focus was to give the Board authority over the approval of the Annual Budget. The proposed change, reviewed and concurred with by the Finance Committee, states both the Board and Finance Committee must approve a final budget to be presented to the congregation. Other administrative changes were proposed, such as making the CMC references consistent with previously approved Fellowship approved changes. The Board concurred with the proposed changes. The Board discussed a number of additional changes. One change to properly reference the CMC definition paragraph was added, but all other changes discussed by the Board were not added, but were provided to the Sub-Committee for consideration in a future update since these changes required further evaluation. The Board approved the proposed By-Laws changes presented by the Sub-Committee as amended, and will be proposed to the Fellowship for approval at the Annual Meeting. See the Proposed By-Laws Changes copy to be presented to the Fellowship.

**Minister's Report**

Rev Debs reported on the status of a number of our ill members.

Rev Debs reported on the ongoing effort of our Fellowship becoming a Cold Night Shelter. 20+ members have volunteered and will be trained.

**Additional Items:**

Jane Park offered to facilitate a Board Retreat in 2012, and Chris Larson made her Shoal Sanctuary available.

**Closing**

A reading was provided by Rod.

**Set November Meeting Date**

The meeting was adjourned by Denny at 8:55 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for 11/21/11 at 6:30 pm. Note: the December meeting will be at the home of Karen and Denny Lauer on 12/12/11. This will be a celebration of this Board's year and a welcome to the new Board members, along with Board business, as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Denny Lauer