

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

19 October 2015

Board Members in Attendance: Jane Park, Stiles Thompson, John Drury, Rece Howley, Josh Ashley, Miriam Williams

Absent: Loren Boyer, Don Hawkins, Jen Conroy

Guests: Winky Sweet, John Holt, Rev. Karen Matteson

GROUP CHECK-IN

EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGAN (Note: John Holt and Winky Sweet exited the room)

Jane Park noted Karen Lauer wished to rescind her vote from a decision during September meeting. The board considered and declined her request.

The board needs to fill the position vacated by David Abraham who resigned for work and family issues. A candidate was considered for the position.

Rece Howley moved to appoint the candidate for David Abraham's position. Josh Ashley seconded. 2 in favor, 3 against, president abstained. Motion failed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

Jane Park and Board discussed the various tasks to be accomplished on election day; members volunteered for responsibilities as needed.

Endowment Committee is moving forward in membership positions.

Miriam Williams presented plan for discussion on Congregational Covenant of Right Relations.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES REVIEW:

Board discussed and clarified intent of a motion in September minutes. The intention was to draw a contract for \$500 a month to cover 2 Sunday services a month and other ministerial duties.

Clarified the intent of appointment of John Holt to explore ministerial options. The Board appointed John Holt to explore future ministerial options in light of our present financial capabilities through a congregational meeting about church finances. Jane Park stated she is willing to help in this matter.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES REVIEW:

Miriam Williams moved to accept annual meeting minutes and September 2015 minutes as amended. Stiles Thompson seconded. 4 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstained, including president. Motion carried.

John Holt stated that a May 2015 item, research and verification of UUFEC insurance policies, was still in progress. The Finance Committee is seeking a means to accomplish this in a no-cost or low-cost manner.

July 2015: John Drury stated that Fred conducted an audit of the air conditioner costs.

August 2015: Contract for Cecile Lindegren was approved as submitted, but we did not recall the details. We know that they were incorporated into the contract as submitted.

Miriam Williams moved to accept Cecile Lindegren's contract as submitted. Stiles Thompson seconded. All in favor, president abstained. Motion carried.

MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE, and JULY MINUTES reviewed and accepted as amended by consent of the Board.

John Holt discussed best steps for ministerial search. Summarized that it all comes down to demonstration of financial capability to prospective ministers.

MINISTER'S REPORT

21 people attended the "Coffee Hour" event to discuss the theme, "Why we are here." Rev. Matteson stated a need for an evaluation team to summarize findings from the event. John Drury and Stiles Thompson volunteered to help aggregate the data gathered. Follow on themes for future World Cafés are "What we are meant to do (our calling)" and "Who are our neighbors? (outreach)."

COMMITTEE REPORTS: reviewed.

FINANCE REPORTS: reviewed.

Meeting concluded by Jane Park. Next meeting scheduled for 16 November 2015.

Submitted by Miriam Williams