

UUFEC October Congregational Meeting

Meeting was called at 1130 on Sunday, 23 Oct 2016 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast.

John Holt, UUFEC President, called the meeting to order and asked all members to stand to be counted for a Quorum. Dennis Lauer, UUFEC Secretary, counted and reported 35 members were in attendance and met quorum of 25% of the membership (24 for quorum of a membership of 93).

John Holt presented the Agenda:

- Election of open Board of Trustee positions for the 2017 BOT
 - Jane Park, UUFEC Past President and Nominating Cmte Chair
- Presentation of recommended Bylaws changes and call for vote on each change.
 - Dennis Lauer, UUFEC Secretary and Bylaws Cmte Chair

John Holt asked each member to select a ballot, sign the ballot sheet and return to their seat.

Jane Park took the podium and presented the members proposed for the open 2017 BOT positions:

- President: Josh Ashley
- Vice President - Judy Winfree
- Secretary - Dennis Lauer

Jane introduced the nominees then asked members to vote. Ballots were collected and taken to be counted. Jane was asked why only one person was available for each position, and explained a write-in could be used, and that no other members were recommended, or volunteered for the positions.

John Holt explained the results would be reported after the Bylaws were presented. John then explained how the Bylaws voting would be handled. Each change would be presented and explained, a motion/2nd would be requested, followed by any discussions and then voting. The membership was reminded no changes could be made at the meeting, only acceptance or rejection of the proposed bylaw. Changes were required to be proposed to the BOT for consideration before formal vote.

Dennis Lauer took the podium and presented each proposed Bylaws change. After presented why the change was proposed, what the change was and what the original Bylaws stated, John stepped up to call for a vote and manage any questions or discussions.

Bylaws:

1. Removal of Membership. Added that the BOT would review and approve any proposed membership removal.
 1. Presented, motion made and 2nd. Discussion on when BOT would review membership ensued . Vote was held and Bylaw was accepted.
2. Administrative changes to paragraph numbers and line up in Article 2, on membership.
 1. Presented, motion made and 2nd. No Discussion held. Bylaw was accepted as presented.
3. Hiring a non-Called Minister. Allowed BOT to hire a non-called minister. Current Bylaw only discusses how a Called Minister would be approved by Congregational vote. This bylaw allows the BOT to hire a non-called minister.
 1. Presented, motion made and 2nd. Discussion on what a non-called Minister was. This was defined by Jane Park and others with experience in ministerial searches. Vote was held and Bylaw was accepted.
4. Changes to how COM would manage Congregational conflict, and removes the function of a Rights Relations Sub-committee reference as the manager of conflicts.
 1. Presented, motion made and 2nd. Discussion on the recommended approach of using a Right Relations SubCmte was held. Pros/Cons was presented. Vote was held and the Bylaw was accepted.
5. Committee Procedures and Policies. Defined that the BOT would approve each committee's policies and the committees set their procedures.
 1. Presented, motion made and 2nd. Discussion on role of BOT and Committees explaining difference between policy and procedure. Vote was held and Bylaw was accepted.
6. Change to when Financial Audits are held. Current bylaw requires an annual Audit. This change proposes a financial review be held annually and an Audit every 5 years.

1. Presented, motion made and 2nd. Discussion on the difference between audits and reviews was held, and an audit can be called at any time, if needed. Vote was held and Bylaw was accepted.

After the last bylaw was voted on, John Holt stepped up and reported the vote results, and all 3 were accepted.

The 2017 Board of Trustees will take responsibility January 2017 and consists of the following:

President	Josh Ashley
Vice President	Julie Winfree
Treasurer	Appointed. BOT votes on a person proposed by Finance Cmte
Secretary	Dennis Lauer
At Large Trustees	
2017	Loren Boyer
2018	Jan Mullins
2018	Winky Sweet

The Next Congregational meeting will be held in April 2017. This meeting is adjourned.