

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast
Minutes of the Board Meeting August 15, 2011

Call to Order

Vice-President Micah Krider called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Also present were Diane Gibson, Chris Larson, Kathy Roniger, Millie Williams, Scotty Zilinsky, Ex-Officio Member Rod Debs, and Ellen Holt.

Minister Focus

Rod Debs gave a reading. He related that he's using August to prepare for his September return from Sabbatical. The 1st Sunday in September will have a special 2nd Hour: Finger foods, with a presentation about the Transylvania trip. He made a note of the memorial for Judy Byrne Riley's mother this week.

Review Agenda

Micah reviewed current subject matter.

Review Minutes of July Meeting

Chris Larson moved to accept the minutes as written, Kathy Roniger seconded. Vote was taken, was Yea but for one abstention.

Finance Report

Report was reviewed by Micah in Ed Farley's absence.

Minister's Report

Rod gave some details of his trip to Transylvania, and showed a few items he'd like to see framed for display on the Sanctuary walls.

Aesthetics Committee Report

Ellen Holt has done some research about a recent proposal for an outdoor flag and flagpole, also a "peace pole" (a resin sleeve for a wooden post that has "peace" or a saying in a number of languages on it). Both are proposed to be placed outside and to the right of the front door. Practical issues (costs, placement, maintenance) were discussed, as well as possibilities of an American flag, United Nations flag, or a "World" flag to be flown. There was discussion over these matters as well:

1. Flying the American flag outdoors might be controversial within the Fellowship.
2. If it was flown, that and a "World" flag might be more appropriate to our principles.
3. What would flying the U.S. flag and a "World" flag mean to the public passing by that would see them? To the military members of our community?
4. What message do we as the Fellowship get from flags such as these?

It was agreed that a device to invite opinion would be developed to start a dialogue within the Fellowship.

RE Status

It was reported that Debbie and Darrell Bruning, as co-DREs, are in transition, and that Sandy Urbanczyk's last day is August 28th.

News on the progress of the fence project was that Briggs had made a template for its construction, and that choices of play equipment were being considered.

Closing

A reading was provided by Reverend Rod. Vice-President Micah adjourned at 7:42. Next meeting is on Sept. 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Gibson, UUFEC Board Secretary