

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast  
Minutes of the Board Meeting December 20, 2010**

**Call to Order**

President Denny Lauer called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM. Board members also in attendance were: Ed Farley, Diane Gibson, Don Harrison, Micah Krider, Karen Lauer, Chris Larson, Elena Roser, Millie Williams, Scotty Zilinsky, Ex-Officio Member Rod Debs, and soon-to-be 2011 Members at Large Sandra Topp and Kathy Roniger. Fred Boyer was also present.

**Minister Focus**

Reverend Debs performed the chalice lighting and began the meeting with a reading.

Denny took a moment to express appreciation to Karen Lauer for her preparations for the Board's holiday time meeting "event."

**Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The previously distributed minutes were accepted and approved for filing.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ed presented the Treasurer's report and stated the current balances on this date as:

Checking	\$16,795
Savings	9,142
CD1	5,126
CD2	6,118

He related that the Finance Committee met last Sunday. The fellowship is down \$13,000 in pledges at this time, that with expenses we are under projection by \$7,000. However, pledges for December should reduce that deficit. Adjustments can be made for those members much in arrears if they have a problem financially. Cash flow is good.

**Building/Land Option**

Fred Boyer reported that there has been no apparent activity or interest in the previously considered property, though he acknowledged that such information would not generally be publicly available. Two other residential properties due to "close" in Valparaiso before the end of December could impact a deal in a positive way for us.

## **Posting Policy**

The previously proposed wording of the policy is congruent with the wishes of the CMC, said Fred Boyer. The policy is considered reasonable, given sincere efforts to not censor speech beforehand. “Public speech” compared to “postings” (written) was discussed. The “posting policy” is generally asking facilitators to allow physical posted materials in context of and during discussion, then taken down after discussion. “Public speech” is more what happens in discussion (2<sup>nd</sup> Hour, for example).

Millie Williams moved to consider adding the phrase “or take other appropriate action” after the phrase “deemed inconsistent with this policy.” Elena Roser seconded the motion. Chris Larson moved to accept that motion, and it was seconded by Micah Krider. It was unanimously approved. There was lively discussion over whether the phrase “Public Speech and” had a place in the proposed Amendment, or whether it made the Amendment too broad. Scotty Z. motioned to close the discussion of the motion to remove the phrase, and Ed Farley seconded. Vote on the motion was Yea-4 and Nay-5. The phrase stayed.

Don Harrison motioned for the phrase “or public speech” to be added after the phrase “any particular posting” in the Amendment. Yeas were 8, Nays were 2, abstentions were 2.

Vote for the entire Amendment: Yeas 7, Nays 2, Abstain 1.

Final wording of Public Speech and Posting Amendment:

“Public Speech and Postings on UUFEC property shall reflect Unitarian Universalist values as covenanted in the Principles and Sources. The President, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the Board, the Minister and the person posting, if known, may remove any postings deemed inconsistent with this policy or take other appropriate action. Questions or concerns about any particular posting or public speech should be referred to the Congregational Ministry Committee.”

## **Minister's Report**

Rod announced he'd be gone for several days after Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. He reaffirmed the Eve of Christmas Eve event on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the New Year's Eve event (small) proposed for that night. His Sabbatical will be in May of 2011. He encourages anyone's participation in the previously mentioned trip to Transylvania. One Alabama/Florida minister will be coming to speak once

a month during that trip May-June-July.

He also encourages all Board members to act on visiting aged or homebound fellowship members who so need our attentions.

### **Annual Review**

There was a short review of current, exiting, and incoming members. Kathy Roniger and Sandra Topp, new Members at Large, were introduced.

Members were thanked by Denny Lauer for their efforts and successes of the previous year.

Next meeting was announced to be January 10, 2011 due to travel by the President over the normal third-Monday-of-the-month time frame.

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted, and  
Happy New Year to All,  
Diane Gibson, UUFEC Board Secretary