

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast Minutes of the Board Meeting March 27, 2012

Check-in

Everyone related latest news in their world.

Call to Order

President Micah opened the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Present also were Ed Farley, Brenda Fleming, Diane Gibson, Derek Reding, Kathy Roniger, Jane Park, and Ex-Officio Member Rod Debs.

Minister Focus

Rev. Rod gave a reading.

Review Agenda

Micah reviewed the evening's topics.

Review February Meeting Minutes

Ed noted that he was indeed present for last month's meeting, as a correction. Diane will alert Secretary Sandra. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as amended.

Finance Report

Ed says there are projects going on like the Memorial Garden and Playground, through special gifts and monies that were being held in Special Projects Savings. Some monies recently were moved from that to Checking, as larger payments would be needed soon, e.g. for a load of pavers for the Memorial Garden. He also noted we are a little over budget for expenditures but still have two more months to go in the budget year.

"Ten Minutes with Jane" (Park)

Jane gave a handout with results of the Board Retreat in March, and some ideas for next steps, should the Board make choices from subject options for development within the Fellowship. Rod gave some perspective on building on existing threads/areas of activity. There was a discussion about communications issues. Possible guidelines to resource were UUA's "Covenant of Right Relations", and the UUFEC Youth Right Behavior Ground Rules. Ashleigh Rhodes has related procedures/tasks through the Membership Committee. (Also see Addendum to these Minutes.) Kathy Roniger, Brenda Fleming, Diane Gibson and Jane Park will comprise a task group to investigate the UUA Covenant of Right Relations to see how we might proceed.

DIP (Diane's Information Packet)

Diane will contact Ashley to see what Membership already has in the way of contact info and Committees/Interest Groups, meeting times, etc. with the objective of updating that information. Membership has recently lost several members and needs the assistance with such a task. A few other members will be recruited to help in gathering the info.

When updating is complete the material will be made available to new members, Board members,

and on the website for current members.

UUFEC Policy Update

Kathy will email to the Board the amended policy from Dec. 2011 still under discussion.

Leadership Development Update

Micah enumerated a number of committees that are in need of new Chairs.

Derek will get together with Webmaster Chris Jordan, Jennifer Jordan, Shar Farley, and Reverend Rod about the future of a virtual newsletter that could be accessed by the public more than can be done now.

CMC Member Change

Rod suggests to arrange so that one person per year is replaced on the CMC. There would need to be a change of bylaws for that to happen. Rod will soon approach a candidate selected by the Board to propose their replacement of exiting Lois VonRyik.

Minister's Report

There are three levels of activity in the Fellowship:

1. Fiduciary – Administrative tasks
2. Strategic –How we do what we do
3. Generative – What do we want to do/Values

He noted we have a rare responsibility in this age to be religious pluralists. It's been said that "the Religion Line" will be a dominant point of prejudice in the 21st Century.

He gave a handout of some excerpts of Eboo Patel's writing. Democratic processes demand tolerance within the close confines of our Fellowship. How do we learn to really collaborate when we all come together as very independent thinkers?

Safe Congregation Handout

Micah presented the handout, developed over past months. It will be discussed and voted upon at the April meeting.

Closing

Next Board meeting will be Monday, April 16 at 6:37 p.m.

Rev. Rod gave a reading to close. Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Gibson (filling in for Secretary Sandra Topp)

