

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast**  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting November 21, 2011**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Denny Lauer at 6:35 p.m. Present were Ed Farley, Diane Gibson, Micah Krider, Denny Lauer, Karen Lauer, Chris Larson, Kathy Roniger, Sandra Topp, Millie Williams, Scotty Zilinsky, Ex-Officio Member Rod Debs; also present were Darryl Bruning, Fred Boyer, Brenda Fleming and Jane Montgomery.

**Review Agenda**

Agenda was reviewed by the President.

**Memorial Garden Report**

Report and discussion were presented by Darryl, Fred, Brenda and Jane.

(Was #8 on Agenda, but given early for the benefit of those Fellowship members' time.)

Four possible sites on the church property were discussed. Security was not a big concern in Valparaiso, in Fred's opinion. A decision on the location was desired soon since donated funds to provide the startup for the project had been in place for some time. Once location is chosen, landscaping planning can begin. Further funding from the car accident insurance settlement is a non-budget item, so the Board and Finance can have jurisdiction over its use for this purpose. Karen suggested tabling the issue of a decision about location for next month's meeting. It was agreed to talk around the four possibilities within the Fellowship in the meantime, and consensus will be by email or at the December meeting. Jane will send visual materials and the report to Board members by email.

**Review Minutes of October Meeting**

Minutes were approved to be posted on the website as submitted.

**Finance Report**

Balance figures this cycle are "in the hole" due to membership issues; also, discrepancies exist from lack of a clear method to account for funds that are not properly "income" (e.g. the insurance settlement) and payments that are not properly "expenses." Denny suggested for Finance to try to come to some resolution of that for clarity's sake.

The Board concurred that (Office Administrator) Marion Taylor needs to be paid yearly what is budgeted yearly, by whatever means satisfactory to her and the Finance Committee.

**Review Annual Meeting**

It was agreed that the Secretary will add Officers' and Members' names (full slate) to the minutes of the meeting and change a minor wording. Posting to the website will follow.

### **Cold Weather Shelter**

A total of 96 people were skills-trained, area-wide, and 22 to 23 are Unitarians. Rod said to be in touch with Felicia Barr to be an additional volunteer. Denny explained that after-the-fact discussion about becoming a UUFEC shelter was due to both a time crunch and full agenda for October's meeting. Chris moved that UUFEC be implemented as a Cold Night Shelter for the homeless. Karen seconded. Vote was a unanimous Yea.

### **Posting Policy Report**

Kathy noted that the proposed amendment is just a draft. For now, any questionable material will be subject to removal, then consultation; then correction, if needed. Any further issues go to the Congregational Ministry Committee. Discussion will be continued in December and beyond.

Reverend Rod Debs provided a reading, and **Adjournment** was by President Denny at 8:20 p.m. Next meeting is to be at Denny and Karen Lauer's home Tuesday, December 13, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Gibson, UUFEC Board Secretary