

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast  
Minutes of the Board Meeting September 13, 2010**

**Call to Order**

Board President, Denny Lauer, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Board members in attendance in addition to President Lauer were: Karen Lauer, Don Harrison, Chris Larson, Ed Farley, Scotty Zilinsky, Millie Williams, Diane Gibson, Micah Krider, Jane Montgomery and Ex Officio Member, Rod Debs. Board member Elena Roser was absent. Ashleigh Rhodes was also present.

**Minister Focus**

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

**Agenda Review**

The board reviewed the previously distributed agenda and agreed that it was acceptable for this meeting.

**Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

There were several corrections to the minutes from the August 2010 meeting; they were made and approved. The corrections were:

- 1) Correcting the spelling of Ashleigh Rhodes first name in paragraph 9.
- 2) Changing the sentence in paragraph 11 to read, “She also reported on the verbal chalice and requested submissions by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month.”
- 3) Changing the first sentence in paragraph 12 to begin with “Religious Exploration Liaison” instead of “Religious Education chairman”.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Ed presented the treasurer’s report and stated the current balances are:

Checking	\$16,028
Savings	\$9,114
CD1	\$5,100
CD2	\$6,084
Loan	\$87,303

There was a question about why payroll expenses were so high. Don requested that the board get monthly status information from the finance committee on this issue.

**Discussion of Safe Congregation**

Micah stated that there needs to be a comprehensive set of policies to keep the entire congregation safe and suggested that a committee be formed to work the problem. He will serve as the chair with others added to work with him.

**Congregational Ministry Committee (CMC) Report**

Rod, representing the committee, stated that there had been a concern before the committee related to a public display that purposely demeaned a religious or secular view. The board discussed the need for everyone in the congregation to live out our covenant that recognizes the right of conscience. President Lauer asked the CMC to present guidelines on this for the board to review.

**Building/ Land Option**

There has been no further word from the land owner on this. There will be an appraisal. Fred Boyer has done a preliminary study of maintenance costs on the property and has indicated that there will be a budget increase.

**Minister’s Report**

Reverend Debs stated that the fellowship has embraced the Standing in the Side of Love (SSL) movement, and that he will continue to educate the congregation on what SSL means. He indicated that several members had attended the Our Whole Lives (OWL) workshop, that the UUFEC had been invited to join Pensacola UUs on a camping trip and that Lynn Stafford is getting a small group together in Santa Rosa Beach.

**Southland Unitarian Universalist Leadership Experience (SUULE)**

Ashleigh Rhodes and Don Harrison reported on the SUULE conference that they had attended, and Ashleigh gave a presentation. Both Ashleigh and Don considered this to be a very worthwhile experience, and they want to transfer some of the knowledge gained to the congregation in some way.

**Annual Meeting/Nominating Committee Report**

After some discussion by the group, Millie Williams moved that the annual meeting for selecting a new board be held on October 17, 2010 during the second hour. Karen Lauer seconded the motion. Nominating Committee Chairperson, Don Harrison, presented the proposed slate of board officers and members listed below.

- President: Denny Lauer
- Vice President: Micah Krider
- Secretary: Diane Gibson
- Treasurer: Ed Farley
- Board Member at Large: Millie Williams (remaining 2 years of M. Krider’s term)
- Board Member at Large: Kathy Roniger (3 year term)
- Board Member at Large: Sandra Topp (3 year term)

In addition to electing the 2011 board at this meeting, there will be a CMC report, an Endowment Committee report and the congregation will be informed about the possible land and property purchase.

### **Committee Reports**

Ashleigh reported that there will be three new members joining on October 3, 2010. Chris welcomed suggestions and submissions to the Verbal Chalice. There was discussion about the need for access to the calendar on the website. Rod took an action item to make that happen.

### **Adjournment**

Rod provided a reading and extinguished the chalice to close the meeting which adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectively Submitted,  
Jane Montgomery, UUFEC Board Secretary