

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SARASOTA
MINUTES of the BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 17th, 2009

Present: President Gail Colella, Vice President Rick Sandler, Treasurer Barbara DeMaio, Secretary Muriel Redifer, Sue Moreland, Dana Keller, Louise King, Joanne Curtis, Pat Liebert, Jim Craig, Rev. Roger Peltier
Guests: Jeanie Craig-Stewardship, Diane Happy – Kitchen Renovation, Finance, Dick Happy – Finance, Audio Chair, Jim Raudabaugh – COSM, Dee Widder – Caring, Catherine Cyrus.

Call to Order 6:45pm by President Gail Colella. Check-in took place. Dana Keller offered Centering.

Consent Agenda

The Agenda, Minutes of the February 2009 Board meeting and Action List, Census, and President's Report, and Minister's Report, Program Council and Report from COSM were approved.

Action: Approve Consent Agenda.

Motion: Pat Liebert, 2nd Joanne Curtis, Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Pledges are not all in yet. The Montessori School does not want to rent Jefferson Room (because it is only available for two days per week). Therefore the budget will be revised to omit \$2000 for their rental. Income from check collections is up. It is anticipated that the fiscal year will end in the black. The Finance Committee recommends the following changes to the budget and presents this revised budget to the congregation on March 29 at the annual meeting:

1. Increase the line for check collections by \$1000 to \$7,000. This amount appears to be justified based on current year figure.
2. Decrease the expense line for the website by \$1000 to \$2600. We have a new contract in place that calls for a basic four hours a month @ \$40/hr, which seems to be working well and means our new expense for the year is somewhat reduced.

Action: Approve budget as shown

Motion: Pat Liebert, 2nd Rick Sandler. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Contemporary Service

Klaus Obermeit emailed additional information to the board regarding planning for a Contemporary Service. The board would like to involve the new board in this discussion.

Action: Contemporary Service discussion will be tabled until the April meeting.

District General Assembly

The Florida District Annual Meeting will be held in Sarasota March 20, 21 and 22. 43 volunteers have signed up. Over 134 people are expected. A tent has been rented for meals. Florida District Youth and chaperones will camp on church property. (Chris Bonner will work to eliminate fire ants before the tents go up.)

New Business

Board Retreat

Rick Sandler will look into the date of April 11th (9:30-3) for a board retreat and will speak to Brock Leach and check on space availability.

Agenda for Annual Meeting

Board would like congregation to have access to the budget and nominations prior to the annual meeting. The following quorum counters were chosen: Dana Keller, Joanne Curtis, Louise King, and Rick Sandler

Action: Approve same agenda as the annual meeting 2008. Put budget and nominations online and offer a packet to be picked up at church for those who do not have internet access.

Motion: Joanne Curtis, 2nd Jim Craig

Kitchen

Diane Happy reported that the kitchen inspection certificates and all release of liens are completed.

Additional Topics for Discussion for New Board

1. A committee for the planning and maintaining of restricted funds.
2. A facilities committee (to remove some of the burden from Administrator
3. Dishwasher in kitchen if excess money remains from kitchen renovation.

Honoring Service to the Board

The Board expressed its appreciation to Louise King for her service as a trustee to the board for three years. The board thanked Gail for her efforts as President of the Board, and presented her with a teak chair and name plaque.

Next Meeting

Next Monthly Board Meeting 6:45 Tues. April 21th, 2009.
Annual Church Meeting March 29, 2009

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel Redifer, Secretary