

Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota

Board Meeting

October 20, 2009

Present: Rick Sandler, President; Jim Craig, Vice President; Barbara DeMaio, Treasurer; Dee Widder, Secretary; Sue Moreland; Cathy Cyrus; Pat Liebert; Joanne Curtis, Muriel Redifer, Rev. O'Neill **Absent:** Dana Keller

Guests: Jeanie Craig, Dick and Diane Happy, Ginny Griese
Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

I. Minutes of September 22 and October 6 accepted as presented
Presidents, Minister's Reports Accepted as written
RE Report: Ginny Griese, Director, announced the committee would now be called Religious Education. The Family Game night was a success with another planned. There are 35 children registered. Discussion re children being hard to hear and see on chancel...reworking problem. Ideas: youth choir, worship service, worship associate.

Census: 307 members, total 396 including youth and friends

II. Treasurer's Report (on file)

Motion by Pat, **Second** by Jim

Roof Loan: The FinCom recommends to the BOT that payment for the roof repair (over and above the \$50,400 spent from Capital Repair and Replacement Restricted Fund) be borrowed from the Gift Reserve on a 15-year repayment with quarterly payments of 5% interest rate, and the first of the quarterly payments be made on December 31, 2009. Furthermore, if the Gift Reserve hasn't been turned over to the Endowment Fund by that date, the principal portion of the payment would be deposited in the Gift Reserved Fund. **PASSED**

Kitchen Update: Diane stated that a check of \$6000 has been received which will be used to purchase a dishwasher and remodel 3-sink area.

Motion by Jim, **Second** by Pat to apply for \$4000 available grant before the end of the year to be used for kitchen remodeling. **PASSED**

Thanks to Diane Happy for all her efforts in remodeling the kitchen.

Stewardship update: The following dates were approved for recommendation to the Board. Draft Budget presentation to BOT at their January 19 meeting. Draft Budget hearing for the Congregation will be on January 24. The kickoff dinner is scheduled for February 7.

III Old Business – Committee Reports

Sound and Lighting reports indicates that the circuit breaker box is illegal regarding codes.

Motion by Jim, **Second** by Pat Move forward to fix the circuit breaker box so that we have no code violation. Jill to be advised to repair ASAP. **PASSED** (Note - Jill provided information that the circuit box is not a code violation)

IV New Business

Margret handed out Interim Progress Appraisal to be completed in February.

Goal setting workshop will be held on Saturday, October 31 for the BOT and the TLC. Margret asked the Board to think of what they would like to accomplish by June 2011. What should we focus on? Morning snacks, setup at 8:30. Everyone will bring his or her own lunch.

Margret stated that Gail Colella resigned from the TLC for health reasons. Will not be replaced.

Rental Program - Barbara

What are the objectives of the church in having rentals? Do we want to be accessible to the community? Safety? Security?

Motion by Pat, **Second** by Jim that we create a task force to study rentals while maintaining security of building including analysis of feasibility of hiring nighttime custodian. **PASSED**

Endowment Fund - Jim

Article XI of the UUCS bylaws:

"The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the corporation may at any time subject itself shall be the sum of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) which in no event shall exceed 2/3's of the value of the property of the corporation."

Motion by Jim, **second** by Pat

The UUCS articles should be amended to delete Article XI. **PASSED**

The Endowment Fund Board consists of several people who are away for the summer. They should be encouraged to video or phone-in their meetings. The EFI should submit monthly reports to the Board.

Article VIII, Section 2 of the UUCS bylaws:

"All funds donated to the Church by unrestricted bequest (Gift by Will) or specifically earmarked for the Endowment Fund, or as an unrestricted gift in memoriam, shall be paid over to the UUCS EFI, within one month of receipt of such funds".

Moved by Pat, **second** by Jim

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PASSED

Finance Committee met with the Endowment Board of Jim Keeney, Charlie Peirce, Janis Williams, absent Tam Milton..and FinCom members Jim Craig and Barbara DeMaio

Jim related the history of the Endowment Board, which was started in 1993, to the BOT. Today funds are invested in the UUA funds and are doing well. 5% of the funds can be drawn monthly with 10 days notice at the end of the month.

The Robert Lexow funds of \$273,000 are currently in a CD.

Thanks to Jim for his diligent work on examination of these funds.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Next Board meeting November 17 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted

Dee Widder, secretary