

Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota  
Board Meeting  
April 17, 2012

Present: Julie Leach, President; Susan Isgar, Vice-President; Ruth Agnew, Secretary; Donna Allman, Treasurer; Trustees: Catherine Bonner, Jeanie Craig, Jim Keeney, Molly Robinson, John Stinespring, Pete Van Peenen (by phone).  
Staff present: Rev. Roger Fritts, Roberta Druif, Director of Finance and Operations

Absent: John Irvin, Director of Religious Education

*The Minutes were recorded by Dee Widder*

Meeting called to order by Julie at 7:00 PM                      Reading and candle lighting

Julie distributed Manuals containing church documents and reviewed Board meeting protocol.

**March Minutes and Review of Administrative Reports**

Board Committee representatives appointed:

Personnel - Susan Isgar

Finance - Donna Allman

Governance - Ruth Agnew

**Census Reportable members: 329 Friends: 76**

Roger will ask John to submit a quarterly comparative RE attendance report.

**Treasurer's Report**

Roberta reported the year ended with about \$1811 in unexpended funds. There was a significant shortfall in the Endowment Fund because of the volatility of the stock market which was made up for less expenditures in the personnel expenses. The overage, which goes into a Contingency Fund, will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting. The budget and balance sheet as of March 31, 2012 were handed out for review.

**Motion:**

The Board approves the following persons as check signers for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota.

Julie Leach, President

Donna Allman, Treasurer

Dick Happy, Building and Grounds

Roger Fritts, Minister  
Roberta Druif, Director of Finance and Operations

**PASSED**

Roger suggested we ask the Finance Committee to see if they can find a volunteer to do a review of the financial statements.

## **New Business**

### Jan's Retirement

There will be a Sunday celebration for Jan Dorsett's retirement on June 17. Donna and choir members are planning the event along with Susan and Julie. The Finance Committee will be asked to approve a collection for Jan. Roger suggested she be paid through June 30 as a bonus for her many years of service.

Hearing Loop - We are awaiting a report from Klaus Obermeit who is contacting vendors

### Columnists for Contact Newsletter

Social Justice - first Friday

President - second Friday

Religious Education - third Friday

It was suggested that committees be informed that they may submit articles. It was also suggested that Membership list new members that joined within the month. Judy McGrath to post. Roberta will determine the content for the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday.

### New Sign

Roger distributed an architect's rendering for consideration. A cost estimate is required. He suggested people talk about the sign and gain congregational support; we will discuss this further next meeting.

### Adult Programming

Roger suggested there be a meeting of all committee representatives to discuss adult programming and develop educational courses, etc.; perhaps to establish an Adult Programs Committee to vet ideas for Adult Programs and plan additional offerings. We will discuss this further next meeting.

## **Old Business**

### Island Village Status

Roberta stated that the school is waiting to be notified by the bank as to their loan

application for a new site. The school will be notified by April 30.

#### January 2013 Pulpit Exchange

Roger will travel to Edinburgh for 3 weeks in an exchange of pulpits with Rev. Maud Robinson. On January 27 they are planning to conduct a joint service here.

#### Status of Pianist Hiring

A pianist will audition during the regular service on April 29.

#### Status of Name Change Process

Julie will convene the committee on April 20. Committee members are Sara Anderson, Jim Raudabaugh and Dee Widder.

#### Two Sunday Services

They were considered a success. One aspect of the two services is that financial collections may not have covered the cost, but there were other benefits, not able to be financially measured. An average of 50 people attended the 9 AM service and over 225 attended the 11 AM service, and we obtained some new members just from the 9AM service. In addition, there was more room at the 11AM service which helped make it feel more welcoming during our busy season.

Roger stated that evening services and alternating traditional/contemporary services are being considered for the fall and winter schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM