

Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota
Board Meeting
February 19, 2013

Present: Julie Leach, President; Susan Isgar, vice-president; Ruth Agnew, Secretary,
Trustees: John Stinespring, Molly Robinson, Jim Keeney, Catherine Bonner
Absent: Pete Van Peenen, Jeanie Craig, Donna Allman
Staff present: Rev. Fritts, Roberta Druif, John Irvin

Guests: Jim Raudabaugh, Gail Perr Czina

The Minutes were recorded by Dee Widder

- I. Meeting called to order by Julie at 7:00 PM Reading
- II. January Minutes and Review of Administrative Reports
Census: 366 reportable members
Minutes approved
Minister's Report
 - suggested the Annual Report be emailed rather than printed for all of the members. The office will print copies available for those who do not have email.
 - requested to FinCom that a memorial fund be set up (see motion below)
 - Joan Lund - District Board member retiring. Roger requested Board be available April 7 to meet with her.

 - Minister received:

“Greetings from Meadville Lombard Theological School. I have a student who is looking for an internship starting next year, and I thought that your congregation might be a good option. Internships at Meadville are 20/hrs a week, for two years, and are generally unpaid. Our Internships are different than the traditional internships in that the students take a class alongside of the internship with assignments that take place within the congregation (i.e. observe worship service and reflect on the aesthetics, or analyze the leadership structure of the congregation). During the second year, the student does a focused initiative, which is a project that engages a marginalized population within or outside the congregation (i.e. young adult ministry, focus on transgender issues, etc.)”

Motion by John, Second by Susan PASSED

We explore together the opportunity to engage an intern. Roger will form a committee and conduct an interview.

Religious Education - John Irvin explained how he calculates his report

III Guest - Gail Perr Czina suggested the reorganization of the Zip Code Neighborhood groups. She will present suggestion to Membership Committee for coordination.

IV Treasurer's Report

- The Finance Committee recommends that the Board approve member Bill Dalgarno's request that we allow Riverview High School Jazz Band to rent the Sanctuary for a fund-raiser concert for the fee of \$100. This is to honor student Michael Falgowski, who has frequently played at our church.

-The Finance Committee recommends that \$1000 be moved from Contingency Fund to create a new restricted fund, Memorial Fund, to cover incidentals such as cookies, music (limited to piano player or recorded music), programs, etc.. for members' memorial services.

At next month's meeting we will look at continued funding of this which may need to be coordinated with the Endowment Board. We are planning to allow for contributions to be made to the fund from gifts made in memory of individuals.

Stewardship drive going well 69% of budget request received. Pledge dinner will be held March 9

V Old Business

- Ruth presented a Sign Task Force final selection. A mockup of the selection will be available for viewing at the Annual Meeting. A separate fund raising campaign will be held. Approximate funds needed are \$15,000+. Ruth will ask the vendor Artisans to come to annual meeting.

- Policy: Senior Minister's Housing Allowance - The BOT of the UUCS compensates the minister exclusively for his/her service. Pursuant to Section 107 of the IRS code, the BOT each year in December, shall determine a dollar amount to be a housing allowance which will apply for the next calendar year. Unless otherwise determined, this amount shall be \$42,000.

Motion by Julie, Second by Jim PASSED

VI Annual Meeting
Proposed By-Law change by Jim Craig

Bylaw Art III - Meetings of the Membership; Section 3: Notices

Notice of all annual or special meetings of members must be given at least two weeks before the meeting by printed and spoken announcements at Sunday services, by posting on the Church's website, by email to all members entitled to vote who have informed the Church office of their current email addresses and by mail to members entitled to vote who have made a written request to the Church office. Such written request must be on file with the Church office at least 45 days before such meeting.

Moved by Molly, Second by Catherine PASSED

- Jim Raudabaugh presented the Nomination Slate to be voted upon at the March 24 Annual Meeting

- Susan will coordinate the box lunches to be served at the Annual Meeting.

- Julie reported that Fran Gaston and Dee Widder will wrap up their Get Together Dinner leadership with the April and May dinners.

Held Over: Denominational Affairs, Board Retreat follow-up

Adjourn at 8:50

Next Meeting Tuesday March 19 at 7 PM.