# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SARASOTA

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2016

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Attending: Madeline Hardie, Mary Maldonado, Charles Lee, Nancy Thomas
John Yoder, Ward Pallotta, Bill Payton, Diane Happy, Julie Leach,
Staff: Roger Fritts, Susan Cook-Hallock, Roberta Druif
Members in Attendance: Klaus Obermeit, Dee Anna Dowdle, Shells, Ava Whaley
Dale Anderson, Mary Lou Keller
Absent: Lynda Hill

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1. **Welcome:**
   Bill welcomed us and members shared updates of previous month.

2. **Review of February 16, 2016 Minutes:**
   **Motion: To approve the minutes without addition or correction.**
   **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Administrative Reports:**
   Highlights of emailed reports and board presentations included:
   - President's Report: Bill expressed his deep appreciation for the board and staff during his term as president.
   - Minister's Report: Roger reported attending a meeting of Florida Unitarian Universalist ministers March 9-11. He also noted receiving a UUA invitation for UUCS to submit an application to be considered as the top performing UU Church in 2017.
   - Director of Religious Education: Susan's report highlighted an RE coordinated food collection drive and volunteer day (attended by 24 members, including 7 children) at All Faiths Food Bank. Other events this month included a Youth Video Night and Parents Night Out.
   - Director of Finance and Operations:
     - ✓ YTD operating expenses and income reviewed with the expectation of meeting 2015-16 budgeted targets
     - ✓ Buildings & Grounds completed a mosquito abatement program for UUCS property
     - ✓ Restricted Lecture Series fund account increased to $6,419 after successful Bishop Spong event
     - ✓ Anne McFarlane to chair 2017 Serendipity Auction

- ✓ Volunteer Desk (outside church office) now operational with expanded use planned

4. **Treasure's Report**:
   - Stewardship Campaign Overview:
     - Voting Membership – 471, Friends – 84
     - Current % to Pledge Goal in $ = 75%
     - Current % to Pledge Goal in Persons = 61%
     - Pledged Persons to Date = 312
   - Sales-Petition Policy Clarification: the board reviewed and endorsed the current Policy Manual (see preface below): 'Arrangements must be made with the Director of Finance and Operations (DFO), at least one week before an event, for sales of products related to the event. The sales must directly benefit the Congregation or organization with which it is in sympathy'.
   - Lakewood Ranch Grants: John Yoder reviewed 1st year Lakewood Ranch Interim Report to UUA and 2nd year Grant Request. Future expectations include new member growth and social ministry outreach in collaboration within UUCS. Planning for 2016-17 currently underway.
     **Motion: To support Unitarian Universalists of Lakewood Ranch and commit to its success as a growing outreach ministry of UUCS. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. **AV Perspective re: Projector/Screen Use in Lexow Room:**
   Klaus Obermeit summarized the advantages of a permanent ceiling installation of a projector and placement of a screen in the room's SW corner. This arrangement was said to result in:
   - ✓ hiding/eliminating visible AV cabling
   - ✓ use of a plug-in wall adaptor for presenter's pc use
   - ✓ ease of viewing w/ minimal disruption from late arrivals

   Discussion ensued as to the room's current and future uses, costs and potential impact on the esthetics of the room.
   **Motion: To reconsider last month's board decision for placement of the AV equipment in the Lexow Room. Motion passed unanimously.**
   The board's president will invite and schedule a representative of the Arts Council and Klaus, representing the Audio-Visual Committee to a future board meeting to revisit and discuss the issue prior to a final decision by the board.

6. **Old Business:**
   - Annual Church Meeting: Meeting details were reviewed:
     - ✓ New members to be welcomed at close of worship service
     - ✓ Annual Meeting agenda reviewed and approved

- ✓ Meeting to begin immediately after worship service close
- Katie's Ordination: Sara Slate and June Brasgalla to co-chair a committee to plan and implement this service, scheduled for May 22 at 4pm. All UUCS members, friends and guests to be invited to this celebratory event.

7. **New Business:** As a part of future leadership development, John brought forward an Executive Committee recommendation that all UUCS Committees be invited to consider, discuss and submit a plan for future leadership in the position of their group chair. Charles noted that he plans to meet with each Committee chair personally and will discuss this as part of his agenda.

8. **Other Business:** Bill invited each member of the board to review their personal involvement in church committees and special activities. He commended board members for their ongoing commitment, recognized outgoing board members and welcomed incoming members. He thanked the board for their strong support during his term as president. The board recognized Bill's leadership with a hearty round of applause.

9. **Adjourn** – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Yoder
Board Secretary