

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SARASOTA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Meeting Minutes – Sept. 19, 2017

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Attending: Mary Lou Keller, Ava Whaley, Claudia Holtzclaw, John Yoder, Bill Payton, Ward Pallotta, Susan Cook-Hallock

Staff: Roberta Druif, Roger Fritts

Excused: Anne McFarlane, Charles Lee, Dale Anderson

Absent: Lynda Hill

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1. **Welcome/Check-In:** Ward called the meeting to order at 7pm. He read some post-hurricane tips for reducing stress. Members shared life happenings and how they fared under Irma. Ward also reminded the Board that it's our turn to work the potluck.
 2. **Review/Approval of Minutes:** **The minutes of August 22, 2017 were approved as corrected.**
 3. **Administrative Reports**
 - Finance/Operations. Roberta first addressed recent church closures. She reported that our financial picture is good and that Roger's first service had 40% more attendees than last year. Sunday plate collections are down due to the weather-related cancellation of two services this month. 57% of pledges have been collected and 95% of members have pledged. Roberta and Bill will meet to discuss any necessary adjustments to the budget.
 - Audit. The auditor will present his findings at the October Board meeting.
 - Treasurer. In October, Bill will give a 6-month report on whether our "dream budget" needs to be revised. A defibrillator has been purchased and will be kept in the Lexow Wing. Katherine Isabelle and Susan Cook-Hallock have had Red Cross training.
 4. **Open Business**
 - Storm/Hurricane Risk Assessment: Dick Happy gave a debriefing on how the church fared under Irma and included recommendations on items like shutters, wind-resistant windows, the parking lot and debris collection. A copy of his report is attached.

5. New Business

- Susan Brucklacher, Sharron Howard, Jim Craig and Roberta Druif shared their impressions of the General Assembly with the Board. Sue Ladwig suggested that cultural bias sensitivity training be held at the church in the near future. Cultural bias affects values, how one learns and the nature of one's reality.

6. Other Business

- Roy Ingham's proposal to honor UUs who have led an exemplary life was discussed. The Board will consider the value and the risk of doing so.
- Suzie Brucklacher has agreed to take over Chalice Groups after Kim Roden.
- Linda Classon has agreed to step in as Chair of The Green Committee (formerly Climate Justice).
- Judi Hennard has agreed to serve on the Stewardship committee but not Chair it.

7. Adjourn:

Ward adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm. **The next scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 17, 2017.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Ava Whaley