

Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota

Board Meeting

May 15, 2012

Present: Julie Leach, President; Susan Isgar, Vice-President; Ruth Agnew, Secretary; Donna Allman, Treasurer; Trustees: Jeanie Craig, Jim Keeney, Molly Robinson, John Stinespring,

Staff present: Rev. Roger Fritts, John Irvin, Director of Religious Education

Absent: Roberta Druif (vacation), Catherine Bonner, Pete Van Peenen

The Minutes were recorded by Dee Widder

Meeting called to order by Julie at 7:00 PM

Reading and candle lighting

April Minutes and Review of Administrative Reports

Correction of Board Minutes to indicate year end unexpended expenditure is \$1811. Minutes accepted.

Census Reportable members: **352** **Number of children** for the month: **44**

Reports

Religious Education

John submitted a detailed report with a graph indicating attendance.

Minister

Roger suggested that October be designated as Endowment Fund month. He suggested we skip Association Sunday which usually takes place in October. There will be other items, such as the new sign, that will need fund raising. Board agreed that this discussion be tabled till next Board meeting

Treasurer Requested Motions

Repair the sanctuary doors using \$2700 from the Repair and Replacement Reserves.

Motion by Molly; Second by Jeanie PASSED

Use \$1600 from the Repair and Replacement Reserve to replace damaged floors in offices with wood flooring. **Motion by Susan, Second by Ruth PASSED**

Split the \$300 in UU Florida Legislative Ministry dues between the Social Justice and Communications budgets.

Motion by Jim, Second by John PASSED

Authorize a Music program fund raiser in September to cover the purchase of 50 new gray hymnals (approximate cost \$1250), donor names or dedications to be inscribed on bookplates inside each hymnal.

Motion by Jim, Second by Ruth PASSED

Use money from a congregational collection to fund a cash bonus, an after-church reception, and an inscribed plaque for Jan Dorsett's retirement celebration.

Purchase 20 teal hymnals (\$300) to be inscribed in Jan's honor – funded with proceeds from collection if over \$1000 or from the Miscellaneous budget line.

Both Motions offered by Jeanie, Second by Susan PASSED

Island Village - Task Force

The task force shall "Analyze space requirements of the church programs and financial needs in relationship to the space in the East and West Wings, and plan the space appropriately for Religious Education and other programs. This will include the outdoor bathroom remodeling plans. The current budget for phase 1 is \$10,000." The Task Force shall report to the Board on June 19.

Motion by Donna, Second by Ruth: PASSED

Task Force committee meeting May 30 at 6 PM...Jeanie Craig, Donna Allman, Ruth Agnew, Pat Liebert, Muriel Redifer, Klaus Obermeit, Roberta Druif, Diane Happy, John Irvin...suggestion that Sue Moreland and Valerie Kerwin also be asked to serve.

Julie asked Donna to spearhead a review of finances with 2 - 3 volunteers from the church

Donna asked that a second person, a Board member, be assigned on a rotating basis to help count the Sunday collection. The Board members asked Donna to bring a schedule to the next meeting and we will sign up to help count the offering.

Personnel

Board voted to pay Don Bryn a salary of \$12,000 a year commencing 5/ 21/2012. Robert Lischetti is asked to bring the pianist's employment agreement/contract to the next Board for final approval of the whole contract.

Motion by Molly, Second by Ruth PASSED

New Business

A Task Force be designated to organize and beautify the entry way to the church including signage. Jim and Ruth authorized to form task force.

Motion by Donna, Second by Ruth PASSED

Adult Program - tabled for next month

Nominating

The Nominating Committee shall present to the Board; by the January 2013 Board meeting, a slate of officers and trustees in accordance with Article IV, Section 2: Nominating Committee of the By-Laws of the church.

In addition, the Board requests that during this year the Nominating Committee develop and suggest to the Board ways of engaging members in leadership roles of the church, co-host two or more leadership development events with the Board which will engage current and future leaders, and with the membership committee to find ways of engaging new members in meaningful ways in the church. Assist the Board in identifying key task force leadership positions, or committee roles and engaging new leaders in these with the intention of developing them as future Board members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 Next meeting Tuesday June 19 at 7 PM