

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SARASOTA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2018

Attending: Ava Whaley, John Yoder, Ward Pallotta, Bill Payton, Charles Lee, Dale Anderson, Lynda Hill, Claudia Holtzclaw, Anne McFarlane

Staff: Roberta Druif, Susan Cook-Hallock

Excused: Roger Fritts, Mary Lou Keller

1. **Welcome/Check-In:** Ward opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. He read from Don Beaudreault, former UUUCS minister, who wrote about honoring the memory of a group of freethinkers who were committed to freedom of religious expression, justice in social causes and compassion for all. Fifty years later, we remain appreciative of these trailblazers of our liberal faith.
2. **Review/Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the January 16, 2018 were approved as submitted.
3. **Administrative Reports**

President: Ward asked the Board to approve the Bylaws and Mission Statement as amended by Lynda and as presented by Dale. Roberta asked that the duties of Secretary (Section 3-3) and Treasurer (Section 3-4) include “in coordination with the Director of Finance and Operations” since many of the responsibilities are performed by Roberta. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

A discussion of how to disseminate the new Mission Statement occurred. It was decided to include it, and background on the thought that went into it, in the emailed information members will receive on the Annual meeting and as an insert in the order of service the week before the Annual meeting, March 18.

Stewardship: In light of an aggressive 20% increase in the budget for 2018-19, Dale discussed why a different way of doing Stewardship was needed. A series of small- group sessions will be held to talk about the future of the church and why an increase is needed. Attendees will be asked what, if they had a magic wand, would they change about the church. The pledge cards will be distributed on February 25, when Roger is speaking on Stewardship.

A motion was made and approved to provide a Proxy for members who cannot attend the Annual meeting.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at which time Roberta will present the findings and recommendations of the Security Task Force. The Annual meeting will be March 25, 2018 between the first and second services, one or both shortened as needed.

4. **Adjourn**

Ward adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ava Whaley