

**Draft of the Minutes of the
Meeting of the Congregation of the
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lake County Florida (UUCLC)
On September 22, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. in the Woman's Club Building, at 227 North Center Street, in Eustis, Florida, by Carl Skiles, the Chairman of the Building Committee.

There were twenty-eight (28) members of the congregation present, which constituted a quorum from the fifty-seven (57) eligible voting members.

Carl Skiles explained the provisions of the by-laws which require many notices and votes by the congregation. He also explained the provisions of the proposed authorizations to be given to the building committee and to the Board of Trustees. He further explained that if the proposed authorizations were approved, the process of acquiring a site and constructing a building could be carried out in much less time and more efficiently.

At the request of some of the members who were present Carl Skiles reviewed the criteria the Building Committee had used when looking for land. The criteria are as follows:

1. Affordable within a budget of approximately \$500,000.
2. On a main highway for visibility.
3. Three to five acres to allow room for later expansion.
4. Compatible surroundings for a church building.
5. Accessible and easy to find.
6. To be in an area with future growth potential.

Of all the over 15 pieces of land considered by the Committee none of them met all of the criteria.

Motion: Betty Emery made the motion that the UUCLC Congregation gives the Board of Trustees the authority to conduct the business of selecting and purchasing a site and contracting for the construction of our new home.

Discussion: The members present reviewed the by-laws provision regarding the procedure to purchase land for use to build a church. Several members were not aware that the Board of Trustees could buy property without the approval of a unanimous vote of the Congregation.

Amended Motion: The original motion was then amended by Betty Emery to read as follows:

1. Authorize the UUCLC Building Committee to discuss, investigate and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for the purchase of real property, and for the construction of improvements thereon.

2. Authorize the UUCLC Board of Trustees to discuss, investigate, coordinate with the Unitarian Universalist Association for consent and transfer of funds, negotiate the terms and price of offers, and to enter in to the contracts for the purchase of real property and for the improvements to be constructed thereon.

3. Provide that these authorizations are specifically for carrying out the conditions of Ruth Gray's will and codicils, and shall remain in effect until revoked by a vote of the UUCLC Congregation at a meeting held in accordance with the UUCLC By-laws.

The **amended motion passed** with 20 members voting yes, six (6) voting no, and two (2) abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.