

MINUTES of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lake County (UUCLC) Florida
Board of Trustees Meeting
Meeting date: May 20, 2012

Call to order: A formal meeting of the UUCLC Board of Trustees was held at the Women's Club in Eustis, FL on May 20, 2012. The meeting convened at 12:25 pm, President Barbara Coats presiding.

Members in attendance: Barbara Coats, Russ Littlefield, Pat Linfield, Gina Rossi, Carl Skiles, Jack Champion, Christina Higgins.

Members not in attendance: none.

Others in attendance: Gladys Becker, Alicia Sparks, Marion Strahle.

Approval of minutes: Jack requested a correction to the minutes to correctly list Laurel Amabile's name. A motion was made by Russ Littlefield and seconded to approve the corrected minutes of the **April 15, 2012** meeting. **Motion carried.**

Officers' reports:

President – Barbara recommended the appointment of Chris Higgins (incoming secretary) as Board Secretary to fill out the term of Patti Stiner. A motion was made by Russ Littlefield and seconded to appoint Chris. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer – In an email on May 14 Pat shared April Treasurer's report with the Board. Pat read from a letter of thanks from the Kiwanis Club of Eustis regarding our \$200 gift (collected from the UU FL District meeting) for the week-end food program for needy children attending Eustis elementary and middle schools.

Board and committee reports:

Sunday Service Program – Gladys Becker outlined the June programs: 6/3: Randy Becker – Rock, Paper, Scissors; 6/10 – Early Fathers' Day with congregational members; 6/17: Marion County Program Chair – How to Show Affection; 6/24: Roger Seidner – Rest, Revive, Renew.

Gladys advised that she had given Jack, the incoming Program Chair, a box of historical program materials.

Social Justice – Alicia advised that she provided an update to the congregation during today's discussion group, regarding the status of our efforts to become a Welcoming Congregation. She will submit an email draft of the report to the Board for approval within the next week. Once the draft has received Board approval, it will be published on the web in the “member” section to share with the congregation, and a hard copy will be available for congregational review on the following Sunday. A notice will be published in the June issue of the Communicator regarding a congregational vote to become a Welcoming Congregation on June 10, 2012.

Alicia made a request to display a rainbow flag donated by Robyn Kelly. A motion was made by Jack Champion and seconded to display the rainbow flag. **Motion carried.**

Unfinished business:

GA June 20-24, 2012 – Arrangements have been completed for Alicia and Barbara to attend as UUCLC delegates.

Long Range Planning and Building Committees – It was agreed that UUCLC Mission and Goals will form the basis for decisions regarding the acquisition of a building. Therefore, it is felt that we must first focus attention on congregational mission and goals, even during the summer when many of our members are away. It was agreed that:

- ⤴ each Board member will contact at least 2 congregation members to elicit the congregant's ideas and opinions (Barbara will coordinate with each Board member to ensure outreach);
- ⤴ mission and goals will be the subject of a summer discussion group session; and
- ⤴ Russ will consult with Ted Fessler to consider the feasibility of establishing an e-forum for discussing and developing mission and goal ideas.

Update of By-Laws - Following review of several articles in the latest draft of the revised By-Laws, it was determined that a Board Workshop will be held prior to next Board meeting.

New business:

Stewardship Committee – it was agreed that the congregation needs a year round stewardship committee to identify and work on fund raising activities. Ernie Rossi was nominated and Gina will ask him if he is willing to chair and develop such a committee.

Defining Committees – it was agreed that the committee structure should be examined in the course of revising the By-Laws.

Water Service – It was agreed that this service should be delayed to October 28 or November 4, in order that people who are away for the summer will be able to participate. Barbara will advise the congregation in the June Communicator.

10:45 Summer Discussion Group – Carl will chair and, per Gladys Becker's suggestion, will put out a sign up sheet to solicit volunteer presenters for the Summer Discussion Groups. A donation basket will be set out to help defray the cost of rent and refreshments.

Summer Board of Trustee Workshops – So as not to lose momentum during the summer, Barbara plans to have 2 Board workshops: 1 in July and 1 in August. We hope to use the “Go To Meeting” video conferencing tool available through Jack Champion’s office.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Christina Higgins, Secretary
UUCLC Board of Trustees

Date of approval