

MINUTES of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lake County (UUCLC) Florida
Board of Trustees Meeting
Meeting date: June 16, 2012

Call to order: A formal meeting of the UUCLC Board of Trustees was held at the Champion Advisory Group Offices in Mount Dora, FL on June 16, 2012. The meeting convened at 2:00 pm, President Barbara Coats presiding.

Members in attendance, in person: Barbara Coats, Jack Champion, Christina Higgins; **via teleconference:** Russ Littlefield, Gina Rossi

Members not in attendance: Pat Linfield, Carl Skiles

Others in attendance: none

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Jack Champion and seconded by Russ Littlefield to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2012 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Officers' reports:

President – Barbara suggested that Board meetings be held on a week night instead of after Sunday service. The Board members agreed that evening meetings would allow greater focus and convenience. This revision to schedule requires a change in the UUCLC By Laws and will be recommended in a redraft of the By Laws. It is anticipated that the evening Board meetings will begin in September, 2012.

Treasurer – The Treasurer's report was deferred to the July meeting.

Board and committee reports:

Social Justice – The Board members have reviewed and commented on the draft Welcoming Congregation Report received from Alicia Sparks, SJ committee chair, on May 21, 2012.

Chris made a motion:

- ♣ to share the revised draft WC Report with the congregation and
- ♣ to schedule a congregational vote for June 24, 2012 to determine whether the congregation is willing to officially become a Welcoming Congregation and to request official designation from UUA.

Jack seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Unfinished business:

Long Range Planning and Building Committees – Russ reported on Randy Becker's presentations to the congregation on June 3, 2012. Points that Randy made include:

- ♣ The committees will be dynamic with congregants serving for short and longer periods.
- ♣ First, UUCLC must identify its vision, mission and goals. Russ will consolidate current mission and goals material, which he will share with committee nominees via email. Questions to consider in developing our vision:
 - ♣ Identify who we want to attract and who is here now

- ⤴ To what extent do we want to be a venue for others?
- ⤴ Would we want to change our name as our vision changes?
- ⤴ What size congregation do we want? (Randy advised that a congregation of 150 is self sustaining and requires professional leadership; we should set goals in 50 member increments)
- ⤴ where will additional congregants come from?
- ⤴ We should plan to meet with the congregation every 2 months during the 'process of discernment' and then in January with a shared statement of vision
- ⤴ A demographic study will help to inform the decisions about where to locate a new church. Gina made a motion that we move forward with the demographic study immediately. Jack seconded. **Motion carried.**

Barbara indicated that Laurel has a paper on demographic studies. Barb will obtain it and share it. It is expected that funding for the study will be available from the bequest. The Board will discuss proceeding with the demographic study on July 3 with Randy.

- ⤴ Do we want an existing or ground-up structure?
- ⤴ The congregation building must be visible – the example of a Walgreen's type site was given.
- ⤴ UUCLC must make the new building our own; put something of ourselves into it.
- ⤴ UUA has expertise; use them.
- ⤴ Keep UUA informed.
- ⤴ Consider renting space near where we might relocate. It is thought that the bequest would cover such expenditures, as long as this is an integral part of a well thought out plan.

Update of By-Laws - A Board Workshop will be held to review the latest draft of the revised By Laws.

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.

New business:

10:45 Summer Discussion Group – Barbara suggested that during the summer when we do not hold our regular service, it would be nice to place some spirituality into our Sunday gatherings. She suggested that it would be fitting to light the chalice and have a verse read as an opening. There was general agreement.

Carl will schedule a Sunday in July for a report on GA.

Brochures – Gina and Barb will be working on a UUCLC Brochure to distribute to the public; Russ will be revising the brochure we give to visitors.

Honoring Gladys Becker – Barbara plans to honor Gladys for her years of service at the June 17 service. Jack will read Barbara's presentation.

Randy Becker will be speaking to the Board. Time and date to be confirmed, tentatively Tuesday July 3.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Christina Higgins, Secretary
UUCLC Board of Trustees

Date of approval