

**Draft of the Minutes of
The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lake County (UUCLC) Florida
Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting
On April 24, 2014**

Call to order: The formal meeting of the UUCLC Board of Trustees was held at 127 North Grove Street in Eustis, Florida. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the President, Russ Littlefield.

Board Members in Attendance: Christina Higgins, Jack Champion, Carl Hommel, Carl Skiles, Betty Emery, Kit Tatum, and Russ Littlefield. Gina Rossi was also present.

Jack Champion made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting on March 17, 2014. Carl Hommel seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Carl Hommel, reported the checking account balance at the end of March, 2014 was \$19,618.45. The UUA deposited \$730,148 in the local Bequest Fund and checks in the amount of \$730,148.71 for the land and \$2,092.79 to Hillcrest Insurance were written.

Carl Hommel will go to New England on May 6 and return before Memorial Day weekend. Pat Linfield, our former treasurer, will assist with his duties while he is out of town.

Carl Hommel reported he had sent out 71 blank pledge cards during the **Pledge Drive** in March. At the time of this meeting 27 cards with pledges had been returned to him, six cards had been returned with zero dollar pledges made, and 24 of the cards mailed had not been returned. At the date of this meeting the total pledges for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 are \$26,056.

At the time of this meeting the total pledges were below the amount members had pledged in the previous Fiscal Year. Betty Emery suggested we have a second pledge drive later in the Fiscal Year. Although there had not been a motion to have the second pledge drive the idea was approved by those present, without a definite date being set.

Budget for 2014-2015: The Vision UUCLC Budget for FY 2014-2015, which was attached to the Pledge Cards, will remain as the Budget for 2014-2015 for the UUCLC. Items in this Budget portray the expenses and income which are projected to uphold and complete the Vision for the growth of the UUCLC Congregation.

Building /Design Committee Reports: Betty Emery will have a Design Committee meeting on April 28 at 5:00 p.m. to project photos of various churches she has visited in Colorado and invited everyone to bring pictures of churches they would like to show to the Committee. The Building Committee will have a workshop meeting on May 4, after the Sunday morning service to decide on a conceptual design for the future church building.

Signage for the Property: Our Publicity Chairperson, Gina Rossi has been looking into the cost and design of a sign to put on our newly acquired acreage. After discussion with the BOT she will look into the price of two signs, one on each frontage, instead of one on the corner. Gina Rossi has found a vendor who makes a plastic sign, which can be mounted on a frame; she will find out the prices for various sizes.

Carl Hommel inquired if a permit from the City of Eustis is needed to post signs on the property.

A Resolution on Move to Amend: Russ Littlefield was contacted by Kindra Muntz who is a representative of the Move to Amend Resolution organization being presented at the General Assembly plenary session on June 23, 2014. She sent information regarding the history of the resolution and asked us to present it for a vote at a meeting of our congregation. The resolution wishes to “defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by amending the United States Constitution to establish that: 1. Human beings, not corporations are endowed with Constitutional rights, and 2. Money is not speech....therefore regulating contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech. This request will be sent to the Social Justice Committee for further study, then presented to the BOT for approval or not.

Nominating Committee: June Sweeten, who is the Chairman of this committee, will serve as one of our official representatives to the General Assembly.

Amending of By Laws: In the UUCLC bylaws Section VII, Governing Structure, Section A Board of Trustees, second paragraph of item #1 states that “each Officer and Trustee shall attend in person at least every other monthly meeting of the Board”. Since there are several members of the BOT who leave town for two or three months in the summer, but attend via electronic transmission, i.e. Skype or GoToOffice, we thought this section should include attendance by that means to be the same as in person. Carl Skiles volunteered to revise the wording of this section of the bylaws and present it to the next meeting of the BOT.

Renewal of the Contract with the City of Eustis: Our current contract with the City of Eustis will end in December 2014. We will renegotiate the contract with the City of Eustis in order to stay in the Woman’s Club until we can occupy our church building. We will also keep the “office” space, being rented to us by the Lake Eustis Foundation, until we are ready to move to our own premises. We will base the termination of these leases on the date when we plan to finish our own building.

Liability Insurance: We have paid our premiums, but at the time of this meeting the agent could not find the policy. Chris Higgins is staying in close contact with the agent to obtain the document.

District Assembly: We will have Russ Littlefield, Jack Champion, and Karen Woolhouse represent our congregation. Russ and Jack are the Official Delegates and will vote on the issues presented at the assembly.

General Assembly: Russ Littlefield and June Sweeten will be our Official Delegates to the General Assembly being held June 25-29, in Providence, R.I.

Committee Reports

Social Justice: Members of this committee held the tribute concert to Pete Seeger. We did not have a report on how much money was raised and presented to the Hearts and Hands charity.

The Social Justice committee has decided that the phrase “Standing on the side of love” written on their yellow t-shirts will be interpreted as the “interfaith campaign to promote social justice”.

Bob and Christi Cleveland held a booth open at the Earth Day celebration in Mount Dora to distribute environmental information.

Betty Emery made a motion to have the April and May Share the Plate proceeds donated to the Oklawaha Valley Audubon Society. The motion was seconded by Jack Champion. A vote was taken and the **motion passed**.

Discussion Group: Carl Skiles reported the schedule for the next three Sunday Discussion Groups will be Open Forum on April 27, Brain Function and Religion on May 4, and May 11 will be Sub-Atomic Particles & Cosmology with Stu Anderson conducting the session. Carl Skiles and Jack Champion reminded us we will go to the combination discussion and COL on Sunday mornings during July and August..

Sunday Services: Jack Champion told us Susan Berryman will present her challenging and interactive messages on May 4 and 18. Roger Seidner will speak to us on May 25. The eleventh of May is to be announced.

Public Relations and Website: Gina Rossi is told us she is continuing to run ads in the Lake Sentinel and the Daily Commercial as well as the Triangle News Leader. Our FaceBook page is growing slowly, but growing. We have people on our page who Gina does not know, but they are following us.

A website proposal from Chris Ayres, a Web Designer, is in process. Gina Rossi said we should have it around May 2.

Caring Committee: Pat Linfield reported that most of the time of the Caring Committee, since the last BOT meeting, had been taken in the effort to find help for one of our members who is having trouble living alone.

Building Committee: Carl Skiles told us he had distributed blank forms to everyone at the Building/Design meeting on April 17. The forms were an attempt to rank, on a one to five scale, the architects we had interviewed on the favorability of Delivery Methods. Two of the forms had been completed and returned to Carl Skiles.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be a special meeting on May 8, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss building concerns. The regular monthly meeting will be May 22, at 5:00 p.m. Both of these meetings will be held in the office at 127 North Grove Street, in Eustis, Florida.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. as a result of a motion to adjourn made by Jack Champion and seconded by Carl Hommel. All agreed and the **motion passed**.

Submitted by Kit Tatum, Secretary

April 30, 2014