

**Draft of the Minutes of  
The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lake County (UUCLC) Florida  
Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting  
On October 9, 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 5:05 p.m. by the Vice President, Christina (Chris) Higgins.

The members of the Board of Trustees attending the meeting were Chris Higgins, Carl Hommel, Katherine (Kit) Tatum, Betty Emery, Jack Champion, and Carl Skiles. Russ Littlefield attended via telephone. Other members of the congregation who were present were Susan Berryman and Bill Herman.

**A motion was made by** Jack Champion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2014, meeting. Betty Emery seconded the motion. The **motion was** approved by a voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Carl Hommel told us the timing of this meeting was too early in the month to have received the bank statements. He reported the income for September was \$5,197, of which \$4,780 came from pledges. We received \$21 from the Sunday lunch bowls.

Chris Ayers was paid \$2000 for the balance of his invoice for professional services rendered to set up our new website. Carl Hommel, also reported sending Joe Rispoli a check in the amount of \$5,146 from the Bequest Fund and reported there is \$81,500 left in the Bequest Fund.

The Hope Community Center received a \$500 donation. The balance of the Share the Plate funds from June, July and August will be held until the BOT meeting in November.

One local charity was mentioned for investigation for future donations. It is the Open Door in Eustis. This is a drop-in shelter for the homeless population. Ozell Ward has offered to research this charity for the possibility of a donation from the Share the Plate funds.

**Ongoing Business:**

Susan Berryman was hired on September 13, 2014 and announced formally to the Congregation on September 17, 2014, as our Developmental Minister. Susan was included on our insurance policy.

We hope to have a Wi-Fi connection in the office space at 127 North Grove. Marge Hommel has agreed to research the options available to us. Carl Hommel moved to have the BOT authorize the expenditure up to \$150 to have the connection made. Kit Tatum seconded the motion. The **motion was approved by voice vote**.

At the time of this meeting we had not had confirmation, in writing or otherwise, from the City of Eustis, concerning the renewal of our lease of the Woman's Club. This will be included in the business for the November meeting of the BOT.

There followed a discussion about the microphones and headsets we use on Sunday mornings. Ted Fessler will work on improving these items for better communication.

A scrapbook has been donated to the Congregation by Bill Hermann. We hope that anyone who has memorabilia of the congregation will donate it to this effort. Kit Tatum will be the contact for these items.

Susan Berryman has agreed to attend the Northern Cluster Workshop on Saturday, October 18, 2014. The purpose of this workshop is how to develop a covenant. Jack Champion made a motion to pay for the workshop fee of \$30 and incidental expenses needed for attendance; i.e. gasoline, etc. Kit Tatum seconded the motion and it was **approved** by a voice vote.

### **Committees:**

We will plan to have a meeting later in October or in November to include all of the chairpersons of the committees. The purpose of the meeting will be to identify expectations, provide training and support, and training on how to facilitate groups. Kit Tatum will contact Gina Rossi and Kathy Collins to have sign-up areas on the website.

**Building Committee** report was made by Carl Skiles. Carl stated he thinks we are 95% ready to approve a floor plan and elevation designs. The proposed plans have gone to a cost estimator and to the engineer, Don Giffery, for a site plan.

John's Tractor service has been engaged to use a bush hog to clear 4.5 acres and to use a chain saw around the signs on our 25+ acres. This clearing is to facilitate a party to be held on November 1, to dedicate the land. The funds for the clearing and dedication party will come from the operating budget. Chris Higgins will complete any paperwork needed to have the event participants insured.

**Membership Committee** was reported by Eleanor Fessler. We have four new members.

**Sign-up Sheets for Social Justice and Environment, Religious Education, and the Caring Committees** have been made and are being circulated at the Sunday Celebration of Life services.

**Sunday Services** chairman, Jack Champion, reported we will hear Susan Berryman on October 12, Ernie Rossi on the 18<sup>th</sup> and Roger Seidner on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Dr. Robert Tucker will speak on November 2.

The **Discussions** before the Sunday COL service will be Bart Ehrman, lectures on the brain, and an open discussion for the last Sunday.

The **Music Committee** report was made by Kit Tatum. The UU Singers are struggling for want of more members. Hopefully we will have more of them with a concerted effort to encourage more people to sing in the group.

**Stewardship planning** for the second pledge drive has been deferred until after the plans for the new building are firm.

**New Concerns:**

The effort to assemble a talent bank of our members and goal setting session will be taken up in November.

We will have a celebration of the 20 year anniversary of our congregation in 2015.

This meeting was ended at 7:55 p.m. **The next meeting of the BOT will be on Thursday, November 13** at 5:00 p.m. in the building at 127 North Grove Street, in Eustis, Florida.

October 14, 2014

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Respectfully Submitted by  
Kit Tatum, Secretary

