

April 27, 2017
UUCLC Board of Trustees' Meeting

The Board of Trustees met for their second meeting of the month in the Wells Fargo UU Office, 127 N Bay Street, Eustis Florida at 1:00.

Attending were Officers Chris Higgins, Stuart Anderson and Russ Littlefield; and Trustees, Carl Skiles, Betty Emery, and Suzie Lockwood. Visitor: Peter Pitzeli.

The meeting began, as usual, with President Chris Higgins lighting a candle (proxy Chalice) and centering our thoughts. The chalice this week was a cake with a candle provided to mark the departure of Vice President Russ Littlefield from the Board.

Carl Skiles moved approval of the April 13th Minutes. Betty Emery seconded. Minutes were approved. Betty Emery moved approval of the April 9th Annual Meeting Minutes. Carl Skiles seconded. Minutes were approved.

Stuart Anderson gave treasurer's report. Betty moved and Carl seconded approval of the report. Treasurer's report approved. Stuart announced we have had 27 pledges submitted so far toward the FY 2018 Budget for a total of better than \$51,000.

General Assembly - Discussion of Suzie and Betty's upcoming trip to GA. Preparations are coming along. At the May 14th Discussion Group, Betty and Suzie will be informing the Congregation on what to expect at the June's GA. They will be looking for the Congregations insights on how they should vote as our representatives. On July 9, they will give a post GA report at discussion group.

Building Report. Carl has sent out a timetable for completing the building. We may be able to have our first service there on May 21. Considerable conversation about how to raise approximately \$100,000 to finish paying contractor and construction costs. A letter drafted by Chris and refined by the Board will be in the May Communicator. In essence, by using the approximately \$50,000 money market and some of the money of donors who gave undesignated monies toward beautification (with their permission, of course), and as much as 50,000 loaned by members, we can pay off our construction costs. Several methods of payback to members were talked about. A plan for payback (maybe more than one) will be determined and publicized along with formal announcement of the loan request.

Because of concerns about building related expenses, it was determined that we should defer engaging a photographer to take photos of the building at this time.

Betty Emery reported that Egor Emery still plans to build a lectern, but it will not be available until after we move into the new building. Therefore, she recommended that we purchase a modest lectern from Amazon for approximately \$134, plus wired microphone set up. This was agreed upon.

Part-time Minister. Five board members and two members of the selection committee attended Tracie Barrett-Welser's Ordination at Tri County UU where she interned. In recognition of Tracie's interning at TCUU and of her becoming our minister, Tri UU's Board President lit the chalice and our own President, Chris Higgins, Extinguished with grace and dignity. A letter of Agreement has been sent to Tracie and we have a tentative acceptance. Part of the agreement involves the Congregation finding residence space for the days she spends in Eustis. Judith Havens has volunteered her home during her seasonal absence, but we need to find space for the remainder of Tracie's time with us.

We are hoping to schedule some summer planning sessions with Tracie.

We will announce a collection on May 7 for a graduation gift (from Meadville Lombard Theological School) for Tracie. Checks should be written to UUCLC with the notation, "Gift for Tracie."

Committee Reports

- Leadership Council: Next meeting is May 8, at 1. Joyce Axelson agreed to chair this meeting.
- Social Justice and Environment: Robert Myatt has been suggested as Social Justice Chair. Board confirmed the President's recommendation. Likely the Boy Scouts of America liaison group should be a part of the Social Justice and Environment Committee.
- Education: Christie Cleveland has been approved as Education chair with Eloise Fisher as Co-Chair. Christie has been teaching an introductory Tai Chi. Tai Chi II is underway.
- CARE: Joyce Lenahan has been approved to chair the CARE Committee.
- Leadership Council, Public Relations, and WRaP need Board liaisons.

Other matters ...

Dedicated Calendar - Board Planning Calendar will be kept in office until move to new building.
Board absences. Betty will be out of town from June 4 - 14
Suzie and Betty will be at GA from June 21 - 25

Next Board Meetings scheduled for Thursday May 11 and 25 at 1:00

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:10

Submitted with respect and humility by Russ Littlefield as a farewell present to the Board.