

Treasure Coast Unitarian Universalist Church

Board of Director's Meeting, March 8, 2016

Minutes; draft of 4/11

Members Present: William Falk, Dixie Gray, Marcy Pitkin, David Gray, Fred Dembowski, Betty O'Brien.

Absent, Susan Hemmer

Also present: Viola Fairweather, Rev. Bob MacDonald

The meeting was called to order by the President at 1:35. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Report on upcoming construction of our second building. Serious work will begin soon. When it does the present building will not be accessible via the main entrance. People will need to enter via the door on the east side. Since it is some distance to most of our parking lot one of the builder's first projects will be to "harden" the grassy area outside the east entrance. Even so most people will be parking further away from the entrance than they are used to. It may be too much for some with disabilities.

It was agreed that the builder will be asked to postpone the closure of the main entrance until after the Easter Sunday service.

We can expect two months of mess and inconvenience.

The groundbreaking is set for March 18 at 10:00. It will be outside. Seating will be provided for those who need it. With the ground breaking and the pledge drive the calendar is getting full. It was decided to move the date of the Annual Meeting to April 10.

David Gray presented a plan for a Building Project Team, a copy of which is attached.

Minister's Report: Rev. Mac Donald reported that attendance is up and there seem to be a number of newcomers who may want to become members.

It is now March and we are expecting to hear news of candidate to be our new minister. To date our Transitional Minister Team has heard little and has sent a letter of inquiry to the UUA Department of Ministry. We are hoping to hear of further developments by April.

Fred Dombowski raised the issue of our practice for the last few years of having a representative from local charitable organizations speak briefly at one service a month and then seek donations for that charity from the congregations. The current Social Justice Committee does not see this as a priority of theirs. Fred suggests that we consider making changes so that we focus more on one organization and support them in a more aggressive manner.

The treasurer reports that she has researched what the increase in costs will be with a second building. It appears that general for maintenance will be \$1100. Estimates for liability insurance are \$3000 and for wind insurance \$2300.

Fred Dembowski moved that we explore the cost of insuring the glass sculpture donated recently by the Cefillis. It was seconded by Betty O'brien and approved by all.

American Landscaping submitted a bid for \$10,095 to reroute our irrigation system, remove trees and landscape to make changes of our irrigation field necessary due to the new building. Dave Gray moved that we accept this estimate and Marcy Pitkin seconded it. It was approved by all.

The president asked that we consider what will be major issues for the coming year. Continuing to adapt to our new committee structure was one as was working with the new minister to address issues he/she finds important.

Dixie Gray requested that we ask for approval of a by-law amendment at the upcoming annual meeting.

CURRENT WORDING of Article IV, Section 5 (b) :

~~Membership in the Society and the right to vote at meetings of the Society shall be reserved for the members who have:~~

~~(b) made a recorded monetary donation to the Society in the past twelve (12) months or a recorded financial pledge for the current fiscal year.~~

PROPOSED WORDING CHANGE for Article IV, Section 2, (b):

Membership in the Society with the right to vote at meetings of the Society shall be reserved to members who:

(b) Have made a recorded financial pledge for the fiscal year . The motion was seconded by David Gray. It was unanimously approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Marcy T. Pitkin, Secretary