

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SARASOTA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2016, 7:00 PM

Attending: Mary Maldonado, Nancy Thomas, Charles Lee, Bill Payton, Diane Happy,
Ward Pallotta, Lynda Hill, John Yoder
Staff: Roger Fritts, Roberta Druif

Call to Order: Charles Lee called the meeting to order for the purpose of considering the Finance Committee's recommendation to conduct a capital campaign to support the funding for a replacement piano for the church sanctuary. Three financial gifts from anonymous donors have already raised \$10,000 for this purpose. Up to \$12,000 in additional funds will be required to finalize the purchase and installation.

Roger shared a successful experience from another church he served where the cost of a piano was raised using the theme of '88 Keys'. Church members contributed on a voluntary basis in support of one, or more 'keys', equaling 1/88 of the outstanding capital goal. Members names were placed on a large keyboard sign showing the progress of the campaign.

Motion: After discussion, the motion was made and seconded to support a special fund raising campaign of up to \$22,000 (to include the \$10,000 already raised) using '88 Keys' as the visual theme for financial gifts to be solicited in the project. The motion passed unanimously.

Further discussion highlighted the upcoming campaign's process steps to include an announcement of the need for a new piano and the 88 Keys campaign to support its replacement in the following venues:

- This week's Contact (email), relying on a note from the minister
- Discussion before Sunday's service with the choir
- Announcement of the campaign from the pulpit Sunday
- Set-up of a courtyard table for donors wishing to make a gift on Sunday
- Fabrication and use of a large 88 Key piano face sign to allow donors to be recognized and the campaign's progress to be followed

The question of bringing a new piano to the church sanctuary to allow members to see and appreciate the benefit of a new musical instrument was noted as positive, if deemed financially feasible.

There being no further business, Charles adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
John Yoder
Secretary