

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SARASOTA

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Meeting Minutes September 18, 2018

Attending: Ward Pallotta, Dale Anderson, Ava Whaley, Sharron Howard, Claudia Holtzclaw, Ed Loomis, Mary Lou Keller, Bill Payton, Anne McFarlane

Staff: Roberta Druif, Lisa Hill

Absent: Bob Kester

**1. Welcome & Check In:** Ward opened the meeting at 7pm. Members shared life events. Ward read Puns for the Educated. We all groaned.

**2. Review/Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of August 21, 2018 were approved as amended.

#### Administrative Reports

**3. President's Report:** Ward reviewed the growth chart in his President's report.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Bill informed the Board that the Finance committee had no recommendations at this time. Bill Denison will resign from the Finance committee due to macular degeneration.

**5. R.E. Report:** Lisa asked the Board for support to create a detailed budget and plan for new playground equipment. The plan will be presented to the Finance Committee and then to the Board for approval.

#### Old Business

**6. Ministerial Search:** Dale informed the Board that the search committee is pursuing a half-time assistant minister via Roger's contacts, the UUA and the Internet but that so far no viable candidates have presented themselves.

**7. SURE vote:** Ward received a request from LWR for their members to vote by proxy. Ward asked for and received a motion to allow any member to vote by proxy. **The motion was passed unanimously.** A discussion

ensued about the wording of the paper ballot. It was decided that the Executive committee would provide input to Ward regarding how to word the ballot – making it clear that members were voting for one year's membership and that funding would come from both Social Justice and one pass-the-plate Sunday. Subsequent years will need to be voted on again by the congregation.

**8. 2018 Project Update:** Dale conducted a review of the proposed changes to the Financial policies, as approved by the Finance committee. Ward, Tracey and Roberta are meeting on October 5 to review Information System data base packages used by churches. Software that is flexible and adaptable is a high priority. Ed reported that the ADA audit is ¼ complete. He will make recommendations to the Board at the October meeting. Ava has identified Lois Lee and Dee Widder as fellow members of the Volunteer recognition committee. They will meet in late October. It was suggested to solicit congregational input on the program before implementation.

### **New Business**

**9. Auction and Stewardship status:** Several names were suggested to lead these important initiatives. Ward will follow up with potential leaders.

**10. Board/Committee chair/Exec. Committee members' years of service.** Dale distributed a chart showing committee chairs and vice chairs, Board members and Executive committee members, noting the year of service of Board members. The Executive committee will address ambiguities in the Bylaws relating to how serving as an Officer affects a Trustee's 3-year term.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

**The next Board Meeting will be held October 16, 2018**

Respectfully submitted,

Ava R Whaley