

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SARASOTA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2017

Draft

Attending: Mary Lou Keller, Ava Whaley, John Yoder, Bill Payton, Ward Pallotta, Dale Anderson, Ann McFarlane

Staff: Roberta Druif, Roger Fritts

Excused: Lynda Hill, Claudia Holtzclaw, Susan Cook Hallock, Charles Lee

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1. **Welcome/Check-In:** Ward called the meeting to order at 7pm. He read “Black Women Worry More” by the Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt for a perspective on our First Principle.
 2. **Review/Approval of Minutes: The minutes of Sept 19, 2017 were approved as written.**
 3. **Administrative Reports**
 - Finance/Operations. Roberta informed the Board about The Chopin Project and the Jazz Club, both held at the church. A review of last year's concert gave accolades to the acoustics in our sanctuary. Our voting membership is now over 600 with average Sunday attendance at 321.
 - Audit. The auditor will present his findings at the December 12, Board meeting. The finance committee will be present.
 - Treasurer. Bill reported that the church will apply for a \$10K grant from an anonymous family foundation. The money will be used to replace the windows facing the courtyard with storm resistant ones. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to proceed.**
 4. **Open Business**
 - Dale reviewed the status of our strategic goals. A task force lead by Roberta and comprised of Bill Geller, Paul Lewis and Joan Verizzo will address issues of campus security. Dale, Bill and John Clark will meet to adress traffic risks and manage flow. Determination of additional staffing will be completed by 1st quarter 2018.
 5. **New Business**

- Dale led a discussion about Ministerial staffing. Now that the church has surpassed 600 members, additional Ministerial staffing is recommended and needed. Dale presented several options, expectations, pros and cons and the estimated costs associated with each. A decision was made to invite Connie Goodbread of the UUA Southern Regional office to lead a planning retreat to help us with the decision process and guide us on factors to consider.

6. Other Business

Bill Payton has agreed to serve as Serendipity Auction chair and Dale Anderson has agreed to chair Stewardship.

7. Adjourn

Ward adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm. **The next scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 21, 2017.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Ava Whaley