

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SARASOTA

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2018

**Attending:** Ava Whaley, John Yoder, Ward Pallotta, Bill Payton, Dale Anderson, Lynda Hill, Claudia Holtzclaw, Anne McFarlane, Ed Loomis, Sharron Howard, Bob Kester, Mary Lou Keller

**Staff:** Roberta Druif, Roger Fritts, Judy McGrath (Actg Recording Secretary)

**Excused:** Charles Lee, Susan Cook-Hallock

1. **Welcome/Check-In:** Ward opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Members shared life events and Ward read a responsive reading by Jay Libby honoring and thanking departing Board members: Charles Lee, Lynda Hill and John Yoder. New members, Sharron Howard, Ed Loomis and Bob Kester were welcomed.
2. **Review/Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of February 20, 2018 were approved as corrected.

### 3. Administrative Reports

**Finance:** Bill asked the Board to approve three motions from the Finance committee:

1. \$5500 for Tru Green to replace the irrigation system in the Member's Garden with a drip system.
2. Approval for Susan Cook-Hallock to use a \$5000 grant from Sherry Livingstone for playground equipment
3. \$1450 to replace the exhaust fan/hood in the kitchen, as recommended by the Gulf Coast Fire and Safety Group.

**All three motions were approved unanimously.**

Bill mentioned that a cell tower on our property was proposed by Landmark. Jim Craig will be the point person to discuss the details of any agreement. This could mean a substantial financial contribution to the church each year.

Bill then summarized the Social Justice committee's request for church involvement in SURE (Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity). A substantial financial contribution would be required. In 2018, the committee has committed \$1000 plus one

share-the-plate. More exploration by the Social Justice committee is needed. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

**There will be no Finance committee meeting in April. The next one is May 10.**

**Stewardship:** Sixteen small group meetings, with 140 participants, were held to help achieve increased Stewardship goals. Dale distributed member input from those meetings. Input will be used in establishing Board goals at a planning session on May 5, from 8am-1pm.

Roberta reported that we have reached 73% of our Stewardship goal, with an average increase in pledges of 18%. If remaining pledges come in at the same increase, we will reach 90% of our goal, enough to proceed with staff and ministerial additions. Roberta requested that Dale draft and send a “thank you” letter to everyone who pledges.

**Annual Meeting:** Dee Widder will coordinate a small group of volunteers to insure a 40% quorum at the Annual Meeting on March 25. Ward recruited four Board members to act as counters: Mary Lou Keller, Anne McFarlane, Sharron Howard and Bob Kester volunteered. Jim Craig will be parliamentarian.

**Minister:** Roger led a discussion of his proposed schedule for August and September. Ward asked for the Board's approval. **A motion to approve was made, seconded and passed unanimously.**

#### 4. **Adjourn**

Ward adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

**The next scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, April 17, 2018.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judy McGrath and Ava Whaley





