

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SARASOTA

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2018

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

**Staff:** Roger Fritts, Susan Cook-Hallock

**Excused:** Dale Anderson, Roberta Druif, Bob Kester

1. **Welcome/Check-In:** Ward opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Members shared life events and Ward read “Prayer for our Children” by Robert Kaufmann. He then welcomed guest members from the RE committee.
2. **Review/Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of March 20, 2018 were approved as written.
3. **New Business:** Ward invited two representatives from the RE Committee, Catherine Bonner and Judy Croce, to present their recommendations for “Life After Susan”. The committee requested three things:
  - That the church hire someone already involved with the RE program as interim DRE.
  - That Susan be replaced with another ¾ time DRE dedicated entirely to the RE program and that one or two members of the RE committee be on the search committee.
  - That the Board explore why previous DREs have not stayed longer than 2-3 years.

Additionally, key duties of the RE Director were mentioned, including the importance of building relationships, being present on Sundays, identifying talents, developing curriculum, social justice projects, and linking the program to the broader congregation. A discussion about various PT/FT options involving the DRE and an additional minister ensued. Bill gave a preliminary overview of budget implications. A more in-depth discussion and the financial implications of various options will take place at the May 5<sup>th</sup> Board retreat.

**A motion was made, seconded and approved for Roger to proceed expeditiously with hiring an interim DRE and to waive the requirement that the person not be a member of the church.**

**SURE:** The Social Justice committee, wanting to capitalize on momentum and interest, will present an overview of SURE at the May meeting. If the Board approves, the proposal will be put to a congregational vote in June.

Ward told the Board about upcoming retirements/resignations: Tom and Cathy Cook will retire from 13 years of managing the potluck and be recognized on April 29. We need a new potluck Chair. Judy McGrath, church secretary, will resign at the end of April and be recognized on April 22. Susan Cook-Hallock will leave her DRE position at the end of May and be recognized on May 20.

#### **4. Adjourn**

Ward adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

**The next scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 15, 2018.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ava Whaley



