

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SARASOTA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes June 26, 2018

Attending: Ward Pallotta, Dale Anderson, Ava Whaley, Sharron Howard, Claudia Holtzclaw, Ed Loomis, Bob Kester, Mary Lou Keller

Excused: Anne McFarlane, Bill Payton, Roger Fritts (staff), Roberta Druif (staff)

Guest Attendee: Paul Lewis

1. Welcome & Check In: Ward opened the meeting at 7pm. Members shared life events and Ward read an email from Denise Rimes, Vice-Moderator, UUA Board of Trustees, on the Promise and Practice of Our Faith campaign.

2. Review/Approval of Minutes: The minutes of May 15, 2018 were approved as written

3. Old Business: SURE: A motion was made, seconded and approved to take the SURE membership request to the full congregation for a vote on October 21. A Forum in September and a sermon on October 14 will precede the congregational vote.

4. New Business:

Paul Lewis made a presentation on the state of our sanctuary chairs. Repair fabric is limited and the cost of a new chair approximates that of repairing an old one. New chairs will include an interlocking feature that is required by the Florida Fire Code. The cost of 325 new chairs, 110 with arms, is \$15,725. The price includes two chair dollies. New chairs will be slightly wider and more comfortable than existing chairs and should last at least 15 years. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize purchase of the chairs.** The selection of the color will be made by the Arts Committee.

Black Lives UU. Ward conducted a discussion of the UUA's request that our church contribute \$10 per member to help raise \$5.3 million for BLUU. It was decided to postpone a decision on how, if and when UUCS would conduct this fundraiser. The executive committee will meet with Roger to determine how to proceed.

2018-19 Goals and Projects. Dale Anderson reminded the Board that projects must be specific, measurable, achievable, resourced and time-bound. He conducted an overview of thirteen proposed projects and asked Board members to serve either as project lead, assist or committee member. It was suggested that some projects, such as updating UUCS policies and procedures, might be better accomplished with professional help. The list will be addressed at the next meeting of committee chairs.

Staffing: The Board is pleased with the hiring of our new, experienced, UU DRE, Lisa Hill. The executive committee will meet with Roger to determine how to proceed with the search and hiring of a PT or FT Assistant Minister. Ward informed the Board that Dick Happy has agreed to serve as Finance committee chair and Board Treasurer in Bill Payton's absence.

5. There will be no Board meeting in July. The next Board meeting will be August 21, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ava R Whaley

