

## **Minutes of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton Annual Meeting April 17, 2016**

**Item 1:** The meeting was called to order by Board of Trustees co-president Martha Nungesser, Meeting Chair.

Having tracked member signatures in the attendance sheets, with 45 members signed in, a quorum was declared. (Harris Reardon stated that only 36 members present were needed for a quorum.)<sup>1</sup>

A motion made to amend the meeting agenda, the Chair explaining that it was simply a reordering of topics. Seconded from the floor. Passed unanimously without discussion.

Unrecognized by the Chair, the meeting was then disrupted by Brenda Smith, who insisted that there were changes and/or irregularities relating to the coming year's budget, and that they must be addressed. This was quelled with repeated explanations that this type of issue could be aired when we get to item 6, and that discussion would be held during the process of voting on that item.

**Item 2:** *Vote on John Smith ordination.* Prior to motion to vote, John Smith presented his case for ordination from the pulpit. A motion to ordain him was made from the floor & seconded by Harris Reardon. Hearing no request for discussion, a vote was then taken, which passed unanimously.

**Item 3:** *Report on the 2015-2016 fiscal year finances* was presented by Robert Duchemin. Mary Speer added comments regarding the delay in completing this report in time for today's meeting, citing previously-unknown or unidentified revenue & expenses.

**Item 4:** *Presentation of the budget for the year 2016-2017*

Robert Duchemin explained that the final budget would be completed between the end of April and mid-May, 2016, and that he expects a \$3k shortfall. Anticipating the question, Robert explained that the only changes made to budget amounts between the earlier electronically-published version and the amounts being presented this day were that pledge amounts were updated to yesterday's actual figures. It was reported that more pledges were 'dropped off' today, and that these amounts were not reflected in the amounts being presented this day.

**Item 5:** *Report on the Annual Budget Drive for 2016-2017*

Alexis Moore presented the results of this year's pledge drive. Of the 205 potential pledges, only 113 individuals had responded to date, resulting in an approx. \$40k shortfall. There is no current plan in place as to how to address this deficit.

**Item 6:** *Vote on the 2016-2017 Budget*

Charles Cormier moved that 2016-2017 budget be voted upon favorably, and the motion was seconded by Russell Johnson. The chair declared a time for discussion.

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<sup>1</sup> During the member registration process, prior to the meeting's opening, proxy vote cards were distributed to members for each completed proxy vote form submitted. Proxies were counted in votes, but not used to determine a meeting quorum.

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Brenda Smith distributed a spreadsheet purported to contain figures from the Unitarian Universality Association (UUA) showing changes over ten years on UUFBR membership, expenditures, and Religious Education enrollment.<sup>2</sup>

A Finance Committee member suggested that all individual members currently pledging below \$1,300 annually increase their pledges to at least \$1,300.

A member of the Endowment Committee, David Dubbin, suggested that we have a "close the gap" campaign over the next two weeks. A voice vote indicated that a majority of attendees agreed.

Brenda Smith suggested greater transparency in meeting dates, time, and locations for all UUFBR committees. The Chair concurred on behalf of the Board of Trustees, and a member of the Finance Committee agreed on behalf of that group.

Brenda Smith interrupted a call for the vote and challenged the quorum. Present members were counted, and the 42 identified members were sufficient to restate that there was a quorum.

The vote was taken, counted, counted again, and the results were: 36 in favor, 14 opposed, with 4 abstentions.

### **Item 7: Adjournment**

The Chair announced that a motion to adjourn the meeting & close the warrant would be entertained. It was so moved & seconded from the floor. A voice vote indicated a majority in favor, so the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

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<sup>2</sup> No copy of this document is attached to these Minutes.