

Minutes (revision 1)
Board of Trustees Meeting
Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church
July 22, 2015

Following a fine meal supplied by Barbara, the meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Present were Board members Richard Loftin, Barbara Crotty, Shannon Butler, Tony Collins, Wade Greiner; Business Administrator Karen Van Horn, and Board secretary, Mary Ann Stanley.

Chalice lighting and a reading written by Rev. Becky was presented by Richard to open the meeting. Barbara was thanked for a delicious dinner.

Changes to the June minutes included the following: Billye Smith's and Kris Taylor's names were corrected; the phrase "be mandatory" was deleted from the paragraph on the search for a new choir director/music director; the amount of our obligation to Interfaith Ministries is \$25,000. Barbara and Shannon moved to approve the **minutes of the June Board meeting** as amended. The motion passed without dissent.

Consent Reports

The Revs. Edmiston-Langes and Katy Carpman were on vacation and not present for the meeting.

Business Administrator:

- June Operating Account total income and expense figures:
 - June 2015 Income \$ 42,363
 - June Expenses 58,205
 - June Deficit - 15,888
 - 2015 YTD Surplus \$ 50,539
- Multiple repairs have been made this month.
- Normal for less income during the summer; it always is contributed in coming months.

Committee Liaisons

Membership: Barbara reported that five or six of our newest members attended the New Member Breakfast. The ministers and committee chair were at GA, but the new members enjoyed talking to others and the committee members about what had brought each to Emerson.

Finance

- Discussion of the balance sheet: consensus, we should forgive the endowment loan as it is cluttering up the balance sheet.
- Tony pointed out that we do not have pledges in to cover what we've budgeted.
- We need a "sunset rule" on the funds, depending on what was the original intent.
- Tony and Karen will look at each fund and what its future should be.

- Twice water has come in on the LED panel; roof needs to be fixed. Tony may be able to approve a partial repair.
- Richard asked that the policy be found so that we can get it repaired now. Tony and Karen will work it out.

New Business

Sunday, August 23, is planned as a “Bonnie Rosensteel Celebration.” The Board needs to come up with an appropriate thank you present.

Old Business

- Jane Collins will replace Gavin Mason as our second representative to the Texas UU Justice Board.
- Tony moved and Shannon seconded the election of Linda Condit as Emerson’s treasurer for a two year term. She was elected without opposition.
- The next regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 18.
- The Search Committee for our new Music Director/Choir Director will begin interviews on August 2. Ken McLeod joined the search committee as a rep from the personnel committee. Time line for the new hire is as follows:
 - 8/9 Auditions
 - 8/15 Decision
 - 8/18 Present to Board of Trustees
- Stewardship: No report. Victor is out of town.
- Audiovisual upgrades: May have a proposal to bring to Board by August meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:01.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ann Stanley
Secretary