MINUTES

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Directors

January 18, 2011

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Attendees: Susan Bettinger, President; Claudia Harris, Vice President; Virginia Villarreal, Secretary; Members at Large: Amanda Lawrence, Robert Smith, and John Allen. Ex-officio member Susan Caldwell, DRE

Absent: Jared Davis, Treasurer; Mark Mullens, Member at Large; Ex-officio member: Barbara Jarrell, Chaplain

Lighting of the Chalice

The Chalice was lit.

Approval of Minutes

The Board read the Minutes of December 14th, the Congregational Minutes of December 19th and January 9th. After minor corrections, Amanda moved to approve all three Minutes, and John seconded. The Minutes passed without opposition.

BPOD

1st Sunday, 2/6: Susan Bettinger/ Robert Smith
2nd Sunday, 2/13: Amanda Lawrence/ John Allen
3rd Sunday, 2/20: Claudia Harris/ Amanda Lawrence
4th Sunday, 2/27: Claudia Harris/ Virginia Villarreal

Chaplain's Report

No Chaplain's report. Barbara was attending a Minister's retreat.

Building and Grounds

Roof repairs: A leak was found in the sanctuary. It would have cost us $200 to repair, and the work would not be guaranteed. The repairs were put on hold, and it was later noticed that the leak had ceased after all.
Storage Rooms: The storage rooms were cleaned and cleared of excess garbage. John Allen, together with Ron Thurston and Michael Diaczynsky spent a whole Saturday clearing and cleaning the storage closets.
Tree: There is still a tree that needs to be cut down. We were going to hire someone for the job, but we decided to cut it ourselves.
Lights: Laura Flett is looking into placing solar lights at the entrance of the driveway to improve visibility.

Treasure's Report

There was no report. Jared Davis resigned.

DLFD Report

Susan provided the Board with a written report. The following items are found in her report: (for a more complete description, please read Susan's whole report, which is attached to these Minutes.)

- **World Religion Day** is Sunday, January 23rd.
- **Susan's new office hours:**
  Tuesdays: 12 Noon – 3:00 p.m.
  Wednesdays: Here for Brown Bag – 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m
  Fridays: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  And by appointment.
- **SWUUC RE Conference**- February 11th – 13th
- Workshops and classes included:
  Basic Home repair and Preventive Maintenance presented by Betty Parent was a huge success.
- **The New UU** classes presented by Susan Caldwell and Barbara Jarrell will start February 1st and end March 15th.
- **Welcoming Congregation** will be taught by Susan Bettinger and Susan Caldwell on Sunday afternoons after church in March and April.
- **Kay Landaur Workshop:** Susan Caldwell is working with Sue Crow to bring in a workshop with Kay Landaur for February 18th –19th.
- **Enneagram Workshops:** Susan Caldwell is working with Peggy Hamiter on finding dates to offer either "Relationships" or Spirituality and Integration" this Spring.
- **Children and Youth RE:** Students are working now in the World Religions pillar.

Council Report

Claudia mentioned the upcoming events:

- Butterfly Garden: Kathy Osuch, Emma McCarty and Laurie Lyons want to start a butterfly garden. Amanda moved to approve the butterfly garden, Robert seconded. The project was approved without opposition.
- Claudia sent out letters to all of the members who have not pledged, in order to set the church roll, and to know if they plan to remain as members. We need an accurate number of members to complete the forms for our UUA Certification.
- Spaghetti Lunch: Amanda Lawrence and members of the playground committee are planning a spaghetti dinner for Sunday, February 20th.

Volunteer of the Month: Elizabeth Just is our February Volunteer of the Month.
Pastoral Care: Ernie Cowger's mother died. Hank Stoer is at Kingsley Place; John Rosser is at Springlake Guest Care.

Denominational Affairs Team Report

Steve Caldwell submitted the Denominational Affairs Team Report with upcoming Unitarian Universalist events for the 18th of January 2011 and beyond. The report is posted with the minutes.

Office Report

Virginia Villarreal, serving as office volunteer coordinator, submitted the office report; it included:

Volunteers: The following members have volunteered for office duty: **Elizabeth Just** will work on Tuesdays, **Kathy Osuch** on Wednesdays, **Virginia Villarreal** on Thursdays, and **Laurie Lyons** on Fridays. **Ron Thurston** will come on Saturdays when he's not working, to complete any unfinished business, and work on the membership files. **Raydra Hall** volunteered to write the newsletter. John Allen informed us that **Audrey Allen** would be a back-up for the newsletter. **Ginger Lowe** signed up as a substitute when one of us needs to be absent.

Credit Card: Again, we have a problem with the credit card. It was taken out for Alex, and now we need a new one that the volunteers would be able to use for church business. Susan Bettinger will look into getting a card.

So far, we have not encountered many problems. Both Steve and Susan Caldwell have helped when we cannot solve a problem.

New Business

Fundraisers:

- Craft Market: Elizabeth Just wants to have another "Craft Market" prior to Easter. Virginia will investigate if we could have it at Columbia Park.
- Plant Sale: Kathy Osuch is planning a plant sale in the breezeway on Saturday, March 19th. John moved to approve the sale, Claudia seconded. The motion passed without opposition.

New Board Members: The Board nominated two new board members to serve as treasurer and member at large; they will fill the positions vacated by Jared Davis and Mark Mullens. Amanda had asked George Leppla to serve as treasurer, and he accepted. John moved to accept George's nomination, and Amanda seconded. The motion passed without opposition and no abstentions. Susan Caldwell then nominated Betty Parent to fulfill Mark Mullens position. Susan will ask Betty if she wants to serve as board member.

These nominees will serve for the duration of the positions they fulfill.

Nominating Committee: The Board then proceeded to suggest names to complete the new Nominating Committee. The following members will be asked if they wish to serve: Ron Thurston, Laurie Lyons, Kathy Osuch, and Rick Carlisle. Amanda will call Tony Austin to see if he still can serve on the Nominating Committee.

UUA Workshops: Robert Smith reminded the Board that every two years we bring to the UUA, stewardship consultants for workshops on fundraising, funding, etc. Robert will go, Susan Bettinger showed interest in attending, and it is beneficial if the treasurer also attend.

Leadership School: Leadership school is scheduled for August 7th – 12th. The team must consist of two or more members; it is always good to have two or three board members participate. John Allen is interested in attending.

Robert also provided the Orlando Platform report for our information. It is another strategic plan, a good resource for the church to consult.

Sale of Building: John requested the Board to hire an appraiser to give us a complete appraisal of the church property. The appraisal will cost $1,500. Robert moved to approve hiring an appraiser, and it was seconded. The motion passed, with one

abstention. Virginia stated that if we were consulting in order so learn the viability of selling, we then should also see if we could save and keep the building by consulting an engineering company to give us an evaluation as to what is needed to strengthen the foundation, and how much it would cost to save the building from sliding into the ravine. As requested, an engineering company will also be consulted.

Adjournment

At 8:50 p.m. Claudia moved and Amanda seconded to adjourn the meeting.