

Florida District Unitarian Universalist Association
Board of Trustees
Teleconference meeting
March 17, 2014
Approved March 26, 2014

Present: Ila Klion, president; Margie Manning, secretary; Al Tweedy, treasurer; Sarah Ritzmann, trustee; Rev. Scott Tayler, Director of Congregational Life, Unitarian Universalist Association

Ila called the meeting to order at 6 pm and led a brief check-in. Ila reviewed issues that had come up involving Beacon youth groups and the Florida District Assembly. These issues initially involved having adequate housing for Beacon and subsequently involved whether Beacon's policies and practices were in compliance with those of the UUA Southern Region Youth Policy.

By email, Sarah moved, and Al and Margie seconded, the following proposal:

I propose that we suspend the "Southern Region, UUA Protection Policies" regarding children and youth until after our 2014 District Assembly and require that a Liability Waiver be signed by the parents of attending youth which releases the Florida District, Southern Region, and UUA from legal liability. I make this proposal in the understanding that the Board will review Youth Policies, work with Beacon, and strive to find a resolution in the coming year.

Scott Tayler explained how the policy had been developed and said he shared the board's frustration that "relational work was not done."

Ila offered a counter-proposal, suggesting a conversation between representatives of the board, staff and Beacon to review the Southern Region policy, with the goal of building relationship between Beacon and staff, and helping get Beacon to the District Assembly.

After discussion, Sarah withdrew her motion and Al and Margie withdrew their seconds.

Sarah moved, Al seconded a motion that Ila, Scott, and Maggie Lovins (Southern Regional Congregational Life staff) and two representatives of Beacon go through the policy line-by-line and determine what is in compliance and if not, how it can be brought into compliance.

During discussion of this motion, Scott said that there is a liability issue and that if compliance does not look like it can be achieved then he would be obligated to pull staff from participation at the District assembly.

The motion was approved with three yes votes. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

ACTION ITEM: Ila will contact Beacon's adult leadership immediately.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.