

Florida District Board of Trustees
Conference Call meeting Dec. 6, 2013
Minutes approved Jan. 6, 2014

Present: Ila Klion, president; Harvey Heckes, vice president; Margie Manning, secretary; Sarah Ritzmann, trustee; Connie Goodbread, Congregational Life Consultant, UUA Southern Region

Margie Manning called the meeting to order at 7 pm with opening words and a check-in.

Harvey Heckes moved approval of the minutes of the Oct. 30, 2013 meeting. Sarah Ritzmann seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Ila Klion reported on an email from Rev. Kenn Hurto, UUA Southern Region Lead Executive, asking treasurers in all four Districts in the Southern Region, requesting a transfer of funds to the Southern Region checking account to simplify cash flow. Margie Manning moved authorization of a resolution directing Jessica Curren of the administrative staff to make a \$25,000 transfer from the Florida District account to the Southern Region account. Harvey Heckes seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Ila reported on a meeting between the District Presidents Association and Rev. Scott Taylor, UUA Director of Congregational Life, discussing models for relationships between district and regional lay leaders and staff.

Ila reported that the four District Presidents in the Southern Region have been meeting weekly and have set a Dec. 31 goal for each task force in the region to complete its recommendations, so that by the end of January all four District boards can review the recommendations with time to revise them, if needed, by the end of February, when the Districts will be preparing information for their annual assemblies. The Florida District Board plans to meet in person in late January to discuss the recommendations. A time and place has yet to be determined.

The four District annual meetings will be held concurrently in April, with several common elements, including a keynote speaker and some workshops, as well as a potential common worship service. Ila asked for board input on a theme as well as volunteers to help staff plan the Florida District annual assembly. Connie Goodbread suggested an open question workshop.

Each board member provided updates on the Southern Region task forces on which they are serving (Sarah – Elders; Harvey – Democratic Process; Margie and

Connie– Communications; Ila – Fiduciary Responsibility). Sarah expressed concern that there was no scheduled opportunity for the four District boards to meet in person prior to the District assemblies. Margie suggested an electronic meeting if an in-person meeting was not feasible. Ila said she would raise the issue with the other District presidents.

Board members discussed further communications, including upcoming scheduled events, to discuss the pending changes with congregations in the Florida District. Board members discussed hosting two webinars (in addition to any webinars done at the regional level) in early March. Margie will send out potential dates for board members to consider for webinars.

The next meeting of the Florida District board will be a telephone update at a date to be determined in early January.

After a check-out and closing words, the meeting adjourned at 8 pm.