

Florida District Unitarian Universalist Association

Board of Trustees

Teleconference Meeting

May 6, 2014

Present: Margie Manning, president; Harvey Heckes, vice-president; Chris Reid, secretary; Al Tweedy, treasurer; Maggie Lovins, UUA Southern Regional Congregational Life Staff; Sarah Ritzmann, trustee at large; Rev. Kenn Hurto, Executive Lead, Southern Region.

Margie called the meeting to order at 8 pm, Sarah provided opening words. As a check-in, Margie asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting, 3/26/14, were corrected as follows: the meeting ended at 8:32 pm. Al moved, Harvey seconded the motion to approve the Minutes as corrected from the 3/26/14 meeting. The motion was approved with 5 yes votes.

District Assembly Updates:

The notes from the World Café were assembled and typed up by Margie. Board members discussed their involvement in leading discussions, feedback received. Everyone was grateful for the opportunity to have the discussions. Main points included the lack of understanding of covenantal faith, the need for education on this, the shared feeling that we have a common vision, the need to reach out while demonstrating a disagreement on the meaning or methods. Clarification of language and path are needed.

Potential Southern Regional Assembly, Spring, 2015:

The Board discussed the idea and need for a So. Regional Assembly next spring, voicing the difficulties of a quorum for business, cost, travel, etc. Would it take the place of or be in addition to the District Assembly? The District Bylaws require us to have a meeting in April. If the governance issues are dealt with, it would free us to hold the meeting at any time, any place. Electronic participation is a possibility. The discussion continues and the other District Boards will be contacted for ideas.

Priorities for the 2014/2015 year:

As we move from governance, how do we envision our roles? What is the best use of our time; how do we grow our faith? Margie suggested these 3 main areas of focus:

1. Coming into relationship with Beacon and with youth.
2. Leadership development – activities.
3. Covenant – demonstrating what it is.

Al suggested that time tables for moving governance from the District to the Region should be established. This should be the 4th focus. All agreed that the 4 items were important and that we should work collaboratively, making sure our District focus would transfer to the Regional focus. The discussion will continue.

Leadership Development:

There were 2 meetings last year, all agreed that they should continue. Face-to-face meetings are preferred, but not always possible, due to financial concerns and individual commitments. Margie will try to set up a date using Meeting Wizard, hopefully prior to August.

Board Meeting:

Traditionally, the Board has met in person each July. Using home congregations was suggested, using a Saturday/Sunday format and staying to introduce ourselves to the congregation at Sunday service. Margie stressed the importance of having a meeting as soon as possible. Again, she will use Meeting Wizard to find a date in June.

Closing:

Al offered closing words.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.