



Community Unitarian Universalist Church

Community News

July 2015



A Month of Sundays

Services Sundays@ 10:30
Dudley Memorial Chapel
1108 North Dixie Hwy. (US Rt. 1)
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

July 5th

Joe Wolfarth "Abounding Freedom"

July 12th

Dana Jacobsen "Age of Wisdom"

July 19th

Barbara Jean Smith "Sacred Crystals"

July 26th

Pat Gadbaw "Learning new ways to combat stress: a layman's understanding of neuropsychology"

Summer mornings at CUUC will be relaxed environment.

During the months of July and August and for the first Sunday in September, the Worship Committee has arranged for us to gather in the hospitality room. This will allow for some relaxing time for faithful volunteers. The speaker for the day will lead the service by presenting his or her topic followed by a discussion open to all who wish to participate.

The Order of Service will flow as follows (with some flexibility as the leader wishes) :

Lighting of the Chalice (can ask someone if preferred)

Opening Words (can ask someone if preferred or pick from preselected by worship comm.)

Joys and Concerns (standing at your chair)

Topic Presentation and Discussion (present topic: 5-15 mins, discussion: 30-40 mins)

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements

Refreshments

The Chalice and the Offertory Basket will be on the credenza. Your offering may be placed in the basket before or after the service.

Informal and relax! I hope to see you on Sundays because as usual there will be interesting topics you won't want to miss.

If you wish to make a presentation, there are dates available in August. I'll help with your questions and concerns. Be adventurous, dive into summer and get your feet wet with some of your favorite people.

Blessings,
Debbi Z

President's Message

Dear Members and Friends

My message for the 'lazy days of summer' is to be aware of the intense heat and do your best to stay cool and hydrated in the very warm days already here and those to come. Yesterday, it registered 96 at the Daytona Beach Airport and 100 degrees in Orlando.

We at CUUC are taking a more casual approach to our Sunday morning services. During July and August we will gather in the hospitality room and our services will revolve around interesting topics of discussion.....a favorite UU activity. Your participation is what makes it interesting. Be sure to attend and share your thoughts on the subject.

Abounding Freedom; Age of Wisdom and Sacred Crystals are just some of the titles.

July 1 is the beginning of our new fiscal year and the time we welcome new board members and bid farewell to faithful members who have served CUUC for many years.

We wish a happy retirement to Secretary, Dana Jacobsen and trustees Pat Gadbow and Joe Wolfarth. All of whom have gone far beyond the call of duty in their service to CUUC. We love you and we Thank You !

It is always exciting to welcome new folks to this experience. Steve Baker has joined the board as our secretary. He brings lots of energy and is full of great ideas.

Anna Grainger and Connie Baker will be coming on board as Trustees. Our trustees each have an area of responsibility to oversee.

Connie is a past president of CUUC. She moved north for a few years. We are very happy to have her return to us. She is an enthusiastic UU. We like that. Connie will keep us informed on Denominational Affairs.

Anna will bring balance to our board with her calm and thoughtful ways. Her area of responsibility will be social activities and act as liaison to the Membership Committee

Welcome Steve, Connie and Anna we look forward to working with you on the Board of Trustees. Thanks for serving.

Another welcomed asset to our team of volunteers is Julia Zakrewsky. Julia is our new Worship Chairperson. This committee is the heartbeat of our existence. Please be available to help Julia in any way you can. Welcome Julia !

And, a happy retirement to Laura Chilcott and Nancy McCormick, former Worship Co-Chairs. Thank you for a job well done.

Speaking of volunteers.....I would like to provide a restful summer to those presently serving on hospitality and ask for a volunteer to provide hospitality for the month of August. I have volunteered to do hospitality for the month of July but if someone would prefer it to August I will happily do an exchange.

Go your ways, knowing not the answers to all things, yet seeking always the answer to one more thing than you know.

Audrey Barcelo, President, CUUC



Board of Trustees Meeting

June 10, 2015

Home of the Cullisons

Present: Audrey Barcelo, Nancy McCormick, Pat Gadbow, Bud Cullison, David Herr, Dana Jacobsen, Martha Swanson, Debbi Zill, Joe Wolfarth

Guests: Steve Baker Dana Jacobsen Recording

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Minutes of May Board Meeting Pat Gadbow moved to accept the May minutes. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Board of Trustees on June 2, 2015: Corrections to the minutes were submitted. Debbi moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: We have approximately \$7,200 over budget expenses in our balance to date. Any outstanding bills will need to be turned in before June 30th to close out our year. The Building Fund has \$788 being held in checking. We collected \$232 from our congregation for the UUSC special collection for Nepal Earthquake relief. Bud paid \$600 to our Scholarship recipient and we had a remainder of \$38 that will carry-over to next year. We have not received a refund from Workmen's Comp insurance. David moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Congregational Conversation: The notes from that day were reviewed.

Long Range Planning: Ben Collins was approached as to our desire for Pastoral Care. He was receptive at first but that changed into other ideas he has that he thinks will be helpful to us. The committee will keep a dialogue open with Ben about his ideas. We will need to contact the other person suggested for Pastoral Care.

Southern Region President's Convocation: This event will be held in Orlando on July 10th-12th. Audrey would like a Board member to attend. There are funds in the budget for Leadership training. This is a good opportunity to network with other UU congregations in the area. If you are interested, please contact Audrey.

Past Action Items: Bud requested an additional week to send out record of giving to members by July 7th. Dana will continue follow-up on pledge drive

correspondence. Everyone needs to complete a job responsibility blurb to be kept on file for your successors.

New Business: We have three Board Members retiring- Joe, Pat Gadbow and Dana. Happy retirement. We have three new Board members- Steve, Anna & Connie. Welcome. Their tenure starts July 1st.

Dana needs the account numbers for the State Farm accounts to ask for change of signatories to reflect the new Board. Bud will need to do this for the checking account with SunTrust.

Dana will add community events to the online calendar for July and August. There are no scheduled church activities for these months as this is a vacation time.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for September 9th at the home of the Cullisons. 6:00 social, 6:30 meeting.

Nancy will be in New Jersey from June 21st through early September.

Dana moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Annual Congregational Meeting

May 17, 2015

Dudley Memorial Chapel

Present: Dana Jacobsen, Ginny Fregin, Al Fregin, Dru Synal, Julia Zakrewsky, David Lang, Anna Grainger, David Herr, Joe Wolfarth, Pat Cullison, Martha Swanson, Libby Hilderbrandt, Nancy McCormick, Bud Cullison, Debbi Zill, Connie Baker, Audrey Barcelo, Walt DeYoung, Stephen Baker, Sandy Weihl, Pat Gadbow, Charley Barcelo
Dana Jacobsen recording.

Proxies of Lloyd and Laurie Dunham were given to Audrey Barcelo to vote on their behalf.

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. A quorum was established for purposes of meeting.

Minutes of the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting from January 18, 2015: Pat Gadbow moved to accept the minutes. Seconded. Discussion: None. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: This is a report based on our finances as of May 1st. Our carryover fund of \$5,000 has been deposited in our State Farm money market account. Our current funds exceed our expenses by approximately \$6,000. This is a result of no longer having an administrative assistant expense. We also received a rebate of \$96 from Church Mutual Insurance for having had no claims. We gave a \$600 check from our Scholarship Fund to our Cudas Unhooked graduate. We have paid all our expenses for our pledge drive and came under budget. Discussion: Did we have figures in the annual report? The May report was not included in the Annual report.

Proposed Budget for 2015-2016: Pledges are down approximately \$4,000 this year. We are adding a new line item for Pastoral lCare and budgeting \$2,000 for this. The Board is hoping to hire someone to provide comfort services to members in need. It will cost approximately \$25 an hour. The "Contingency Fund" decreased from \$2800 to \$2000. We no longer have an administrative assistant salary line item. Question: What does the term "General Income" in the budget mean? This is monies given from non-members/members who did not pledge but give monies. Why is there a reduction in our News Journal advertising line item? Last year, we budgeted for increases in advertising costs which did not occur. Please note that "Scholarship" is not listed in the budget as this is a separate line item based on donations. It is not a budgeted item. (Dru mentioned that we are one of only two churches who provide a scholarship). Debbi moved to accept the proposed budget . Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Presentation of Annual Reports: At Gadbow wanted to note that her report did not discuss how these event should be held for the coming year. This will be discussed at the first Potluck of the year. Questions for the Treasurer: What are our other church monies? Have we made plans for the Hamilton Bequest? The Hamilton Bequest is to be used to benefit the church. Church monies: Building Fund (5 yr. CD) , Scholarship Fund (held in checking until scholarship given), Reserve Account (Money Market acct.) , Hamilton Bequest (5 yr. CD) , Checking account

Election of Officers and Trustees: The slate of officers was presented by Pat Cullison. President-Audrey Barcelo; Vice President-David Herr; Secretary-vacant; Treasurer- Edwin "Bud" Cullison; Trustee-Anna Grainger; Trustee- Connie Baker.

Terms that are not expiring are: Past President-Martha Swanson; Trustee-Nancy McCormick; Trustee-Debbi Zill.

Dana moved to accept the slate of officers and trustees. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Discussion: We need a secretary. There were no nominations or volunteers at the time but Steve Baker expressed interest. He needed more information as to his responsibilities.

Election of Nominating Committee: Lloyd Dunham, Al Fregin and Pat Cullison were presented as our Nominating Committee. Pat Gadbow moved to accept the committee as presented. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Audrey noted that our Worship Co-chairs, Laura Chilkott and Nancy McCormick's commitment ends June 30th. Julia Zakrewsky has agreed to be our Worship Chair.

UUA General Assembly: It is being held June 24th-28th in Portland Oregon. We have monies in our budget to help defray the expense of attending if anyone is interested. General Assembly is the largest gathering of UUs. The next largest gathering is SUUSI, being held July 19th- July 25th at the campus of Virginia Tech. SUUSI is filled with wonderful workshops, music and great experiences. If anyone is interested in General Assembly or SUUSI, please contact Audrey.

Presentations: A "Zentangle" was presented to Sharon Herr for all her hard work on the website, Facebook page and church newsletter. Sharon was not present, so her husband, David, accepted the thank you design on her behalf. A "Zentangle" was also given to Dru for her work on the Scholarship Committee.

Congregational Conversation: On May 31st, at 10:30, we will have an important gathering to explore ideas together. "What would you like to have happening in our church one year from now and what will YOU be doing to make it happen? Please attend.

Other business: Laura Chilkott asked Joe to ask the congregants to consider becoming a service leader.

Charley moved to adjourn the Annual Congregational meeting. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

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Click on the link on our home page to get started each time you shop at Amazon and the church will then receive a portion of each purchase you make at Amazon.com. Please share with friends and family. There is no cost to the shopper. This is a great way to help the church accomplish goals and help others.

Deadline for August Newsletter is July 20th.

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