

Florida District Unitarian Universalist Association
Board of Trustees business meeting
Oct. 30, 2012 conference call
Minutes
Approved Nov. 17, 2012

Present: Ila Klion, president; Harvey Heckes, vice president; Al Tweedy, treasurer; Margie Manning, secretary; Rachel Christensen, trustee; Rev. Kenn Hurto, lead executive, UUA Southern Region

8:08 p.m. – Ila Klion called the meeting to order and provided a verbal agenda. Rachel Christensen provided opening words. All participated in a check-in.

Al Tweedy moved approval of the minutes of the Aug. 16, 2012 meeting. Harvey Heckes seconded and the motion was approved. ACTION ITEM: Margie Manning will forward the approved minutes to Jessica Curren in the District office so they can be posted to the Website.

Rachel was not able to provide an update on the elders concept due to technical difficulties with her telephone. That discussion was postponed until the Nov. 16-17 board meeting.

Margie reported on linkage, based on a conversation with Jill Austin, the relationship trustee on the board of the Mid-South District. Key elements involved the Mid-South district developing a definition of linkage, appointing a trustee responsible for overseeing development and monitoring, and finding an initial focus for linkage. In the case of the Mid-South District, the initial focus is on linking congregational presidents and other congregational leaders. ACTION ITEM: Margie will forward a full report on her conversation with Jill to the full board.

Ila reported on regionalization, with input from Kenn Hurto as well. The four district presidents met with Southern Region staff in San Antonio. The district presidents also agreed to meet monthly by conference call. Ila said regionalization has progressed quickly. District executives have been eliminated, and the regional staff has job responsibilities for the district as a whole. The next step is to find volunteers to help staff accomplish its tasks. The staff likes using “elders” as adjunct staff, which is one part of the Florida District’s board plan for elders, but other parts of the Florida District’s ideas about elders need further discussion. Al suggested taking this up at the November meeting, which will now just be for District board members. ACTION ITEM: Al will ask Jessica Curren to make arrangements for the November meeting.

Ila provided a closing reading.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.