

UUCOV
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 11, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

Members present: Linda Underwood, Dave Lyon, Rev. Khleber Van Zandt, Pam MacFarlane, Richard Palmer, Ken Boysworth, Linda Kabo.

Absent: Donna Schafer

Chalice was lit, accompanied by a reading by Rev. Van Zandt.

Quorum was established.

Check-in was completed.

Thank-you notes: none at this time.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved via email.

President's Report

See attached report. Linda U. noted that "Announcements" would now be added to the Board's agenda.

Vice President's Report

None. Donna is away.

Treasurer's Report

See attached report.

Minister's Report

See attached report.

Membership

Current membership is 217.

Announcements

- Zoom will be purchased and used for meetings where needed.
- A book niche with a door is being built and will be installed outside.
- The Shelter Rock congregation in Manhasset, NY will match at 10% rate any new donations made to UUCOV's Endowment Legacy for long-term investments.
- Donations to monthly charities will now be taken personally to the charity. Some PR on our behalf may be possible. Linda U. will speak with Marti King about this.

New Business

- Board reports will henceforth be attached to the minutes.
- Exterior signage: Interweave will purchase some signage. Linda U. suggested that a small rainbow sign might be added to the UUCOV sign out front.
- Calendar: The auction will be held on Jan 18. We will need a date for the Stewardship kick-off event.
- Current space usage: Linda K. noted that the current configuration of heavy chairs in the sanctuary makes alternative uses of the space difficult or impossible. Ideas to make more flexible use of the the sanctuary include: removal and replacement of the chairs with lighter ones; renting a room at the Venice Community Center for UUCOV-sponsored activities; hiring people to move and set up the chairs. Linda U. will speak with Mary Murray about how her organization deals with a similar problem.
- Linda U. suggested "Vision" as a topic for the agenda. Discussion of possible ideas for UUCOV's future would enable the Board to offer some suggestions to the Long-Range Planning committee.
- Wish List: YRE is requesting a high chair (\$70) and a Pack and Play (\$80) for infant and child readiness.

Motion: The Board approves the purchase of the items requested by YRE.

Motion passes unanimously.

- Dave noted that we're getting less and less money in the donation box. We might need to go back to passing the plate. There are pros and cons to doing this. Linda U. has a task force that will look into this matter.

Next scheduled meeting: there will be no meeting in July.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kabo, Secretary

President's Report

For June 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting

Civility Training: Jaye and I attended on May 11th a half day training put on by the Gulf Coast Foundation on increasing civility within our community. Gulf Coast Foundation has made this issue a focus with excellent on-line guides, printed materials, and consultant training. They are making this training available for organizations in our area. Jaye and I did a debriefing and are exploring ways to incorporate some of the ideas within UUCOV. This dovetails with our right relations exploration.

It seems that since this training it has heightened my awareness of civility and the importance of demonstrating it and calling it out when it is lacking. As board members we need to be aware of this and model civility.

Three Summer Task Forces begun:

- **Policy and Procedure Manual Revision-** small two-member group is reviewing the PP manual to present some ideas of reworking it to make it more useful.
- **Charitable Giving Task Force-** the task force, chaired by Pam has had two meetings and has established a goal to have their work done by September.
- **Comprehensive longitudinal review and data gathering of membership and giving Task Force (better known as Dan's Group)-**has begun their work to identify data to be used to make better informed decisions now and for long range planning

The above are particularly dear to my heart as it has been a personal goal that we demonstrate we are a twelve-month congregation. Doing some real work over the summer helps demonstrates this.

Meaningful/joyful living: Jaye and I are working on a congregation program that will include some common reads to support some discussion and learning on how to have a meaningful/joyful life. We have dealt with death for two years and a personal goal is to work on living this year.

Zoom: We had a successful trial of Zoom at CC this past week when Claire Harrison connected with Water's Hall through Zoom. She was on a computer. Before our next meeting we will buy a month's package and try it again as a subscriber. While it was not perfect it is better than our current system.

Kudos:

- Great Futures Fund article in Connection by John Spitzer
- Bonnie Norton does a good Sunday service with guest ministers.

Treasurer's Report May, 2018

- Paid Denominational Dues \$18,839
- Paid Absolute Aluminum progress payment of \$16,380 for Lanai Renovations.
- Paid Honest Air \$21,380 for 4 A/C units for Sanctuary.
- Did not pay down our Commercial Loan by approx. \$27,000 which expired on May 22. Also, there was no payment to Sun Trust toward our commercial loan (mortgage) in May. Currently working with Jing Yu in Orlando Sun Trust on a new loan. She continues to tell me not to worry.
- Now doing payroll for our 7 employees.
- Working with Joel to make our financial report understandable to us.

May income less restricted funds donations \$16,993

May expenses 40,213

Net -23,220

Note: Expenses paid from Restricted Funds are not included above. In our Sun Trust restricted accounts, our Capital Reserve is now depleted.

On the Balance Sheet for May the Sun Trust Restricted is \$25,099. This is \$27,111 less than last month.

Note: If you have questions, please email me ahead of the meeting so I can prepare an answer.

Minister's Board Report for June 11th, 2018

Notes and Accomplishments

- Our experiment this past Sunday with opening all the doors and turning off the AC was a rousing success, from my vantage point. I heard many comments about how wonderful it was to feel the breeze and hear the fountain splashing in the lake; I heard an equal amount of grouching that it was too hot and too loud, and we should never do that again. I'm sure I'll hear more from more people over time, but today, it sounds like a success to me.
- Attendance seems to be remaining strong for much longer than usual. We might expect it to return to normal summer levels this coming week.
- I have yet to try recording my sermons with my own cellphone or streaming entire services on Facebook Live. Over the summer, I plan to make some moves on this idea.
- Jaye and I have a plan to make use of the Minister's Discretionary Fund in helping the younger families among our own members and friends with school supplies. We will announce this possibility to those families in a couple of weeks.
- I have been spending non-church hours working on remodeling my kitchen for a couple of months now. The ceiling and new lighting is done, and the tile floor is in process, with cabinets due to be delivered soon.