

UUCOV Board of Trustees

Minutes of March 12, 2020 Meeting

Call to Order

- President Linda Underwood called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.
- Chalice lighting and check in
- Members present: Linda Underwood, Pam MacFarlane, Dave Lyon, Ken Boysworth, Steve Leapley, and Claire Harrison. Also present, Reverend Dennis McCarty. Quorum met.
- Thank you notes will be sent to D.B. Miller and Elizabeth Ellis for each being involved in two successful fund-raising events. Thank you note will also be sent to our Communications Team for the great work they have been doing in getting publicity out about UUCOV events.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes approved as distributed via email.

Monthly Reports & Correspondence

- President's Report – As distributed and attached. Discussed the need for recruiting volunteers to join committees and teams including but not limited to leadership roles.
- Vice-President's Report – No report as there was not a Coordinating Council meeting held since our last Board meeting.
- Minister's Report – As distributed and attached. Reverend Dennis spoke of continuing to encourage people not to hold hands at this point and his continuing to be actively involved with VICA.
- Treasurer's Report – As distributed and attached. Dave spoke of the two reports he forwarded to the Board. Second is a more optimistic picture of how things look this year in comparison to last. Dave reported there were 136 people in attendance at the Sri Lankan dinner held in our sanctuary. Blue Lotus offered payment for use of facility. As we wish to continue to support the start up of Blue Lotus Meditation Center it was agreed having waived a facility fee was appropriate. Claire made the suggestion that Monk San might again be invited as guest speaker for a Sunday service sometime over the summer in return.

Membership

Membership is currently at 220 with an additional 10 emeritus members. Seven new members have joined and seven have left our congregation in the last month. Number of friends is being relooked related to reviewing FY'21 pledge information.

Old Business

- Sunday Collection Change Implementation – Reverend Dennis will make an announcement at the last two Sunday services in March regarding resuming passing of the basket. Board agreed on leaving the donation boxes in the back. Board discussed and agreed that amount collected as well as the number in attendance be included in *Happenings* starting in April.
- Update on Laurel Civic Association Empowerment Funding – Linda and the Director of the Laurel Community Center met with staff at the Manatee Credit Union to discuss establishing program for this area. The Manatee Credit Union has already contracted to undertake this program in Sarasota so is already familiar with it. Board discussed the financial commitment of what would be needed to undertake this venture. Agreed this would be a separate appeal to the congregation. Incentive that a UUCOV member has already made a commitment of matching up to \$5,000 in funds specifically targeted for this program.
- Pledge Update – Dave reports a total of \$278,420 in pledges so far. Reminder will again be made on Sunday asking folks who have not yet turned in their pledges to please do so.

New Business

- Scheduling New Board Retreat – Scheduled for Tuesday, April 28 at 10:00 am at Pam MacFarlane’s home.
- Annual Meeting – Key elements for the meeting are in place. Nothing further needed at this time.
- Health Precautions – Discussion of current status of COVID-19, aka corona virus, discussed. This is a changing situation and we may need to quickly respond as more information is received and make rapid changes in our operations. Following discussion, it was agreed that a small COVID-19 Task Force be established. Reverend Dennis and Claire agreed to serve as members and recommendation was made to invite Serena Cannarelli as a nurse and former health services administrator to become a member of the group. Claire will contact Serena and Reverend Dennis will connect with Karen Griffin and Salli Clarke relating to issues as they arise. Meeting will be scheduled within the next week.
- Sanctuary Usage/AV System/Hiring of AV Coordinator – Dick Smith joined the meeting and distributed a description of the UUCOV A/V world before Erin in order to provide the Board with an overview of how things were handled before hiring Erin to operate the system. He spoke of recent problems encountered with the AV system as a result of the equipment having been used the prior evening. What is needed going forward was discussed and decision was made to establish a committee tasked with developing a job description, recruiting, and interviewing candidates. Committee members to include: Kathy Avery as DRE, Eileen Leapley, and Dick Smith. Dick agreed to serve on the committee and participate in developing the job description, interviewing, and training.
- New Member Get Together Planning – It was agreed that a wine and cheese reception for new members hosted by the Board will be held March 26th from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Linda will take lead in organizing and will contact Board members as needed for help with any tasks.

Other Business

- Caring Committee follow-up conversation will be scheduled for some time in April. Linda, as convener of the congregational conversation related to this subject last year, agreed to taking the lead in scheduling and facilitating this meeting.
- Linda expressed her appreciation to the Board for the work done together during her term as President. The Board extended their thanks to Linda for her leadership, dedication, and all the work she had done for UUCOV throughout her term of office and as President these past two years.

Next Meeting

- Scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2020 at Asta Linder at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

- Reverend Dennis read closing words. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Claire Harrison. Secretary