

UUCOV Board of Trustees

Minutes of May 13, 2021 Meeting

Call to Order

- President Pamela Palmer called our meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.
- Opening Words were offered by Reverend Khleber
- Check In
- Members present: Pamela Palmer, Dave Lyon, Ken Boysworth, Steve Leapley, Serena Cannarelli and Claire Harrison. Present via zoom, Jack Head. Also present, Reverend Khleber Van Zandt.
- Thank you notes – none noted at this time.

Approval of Minutes

- April 15, 2021 minutes approved as distributed via email.

Response to Reports & Correspondence

- President's Report – Agenda includes current key issues and items for discussion.
- Vice-President's Report – Jack Head emailed minutes of the May Coordinating Council meeting.
- Minister's Report – Reverend Khleber distributed his monthly report via email. Discussion of designating \$39,413 of the Minister's FY'22 compensation package as "Housing Allowance." Following discussion, motion was made by Dave Lyon and seconded by Steve Leapley to approve designation of \$39,413 as housing allowance for the current fiscal year. Motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report – Dave Lyon submitted via email the Treasurer's and Bookkeeping reports on May 11th.

Where Are We Going? – Planning in a New Normal

- Planning for Reopening/COVID Task Force Report - Serena Cannarelli reported Sarasota County COVID-related statistics as of yesterday. The COVID Task Force met on May 4th and is recommending to the Board that if downward trend in metrics continues throughout May, the sanctuary and all campus buildings reopen the first Sunday in June. The Task Force was asked by Green Sanctuary Committee to recommend to the Board that they begin hosting Meatless Mondays in Blalock Park. Given this will be held outdoors in open spaces the Task Force does not see any reason for this not being approved by the Board. Motion was made by Steve Leapley and seconded by Dave Lyon to accept the COVID Task Force report as submitted. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.
It was then moved by Steve Leapley and seconded by Jack Head to open the sanctuary and all campus buildings fully on June 6th. Following unanimous approval of the motion there was discussion of logistics in moving forward in preparing for the reopening. Reverend Khleber has spoken with our cleaning person regarding doing a thorough cleaning of the buildings and plumber was here this morning to address sanctuary bathroom issues. Masks and hand sanitizers will be made available; there will be no singing by the choir or the congregation at this time; chair rows inside the sanctuary will be set up to allow appropriate distancing. The Restart Team will be asked to be involved onsite; welcome table will have someone there with masks available to folks; there will not be any ushers or paper programs; and no food and drinks will be provided following the service.

The COVID Task Force is further recommending that it be suspended at this point. Serena will continue to monitor statistics. Steve Leapley made the motion seconded by Ken Boysworth to suspend COVID Task Force. There being no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

- Report from RECON Team Task Force - Jack Head reports receiving a great deal of positive feedback on the new web page and on Breeze. Progress has been excellent and continues to move forward. People are commenting on appreciating new photos and Pam suggested requesting members/friends submit photos of UUCOV events and gatherings for inclusion.

Other Business

- Staffing – Erin Fangboner is working with A/V team and plan is that she will continue to do so. Karen Griffin is continuing to work under contract but is relocating to Georgia in June at which time her work with us will end. Reverend Khleber will be gone the month of August. This being a five Sunday month, four Sundays will consist of past services being streamed in totality and other arrangements will be made for the fifth Sunday.
- Renovations – Work in the sanctuary is proceeding. It may not be completed by our June 6th reopening date but it will be far enough along so that services can proceed as planned.
- Stained Glass Piece - Given physical changes being made in the sanctuary, the stained glass piece made and donated by Marion Glover cannot remain in its current location. Dave spoke of Marion's deep commitment to the Venice Art Center and whether the piece she created might be something they would be interested in our donating so that it might be placed in a prominent position at the Venice Art Center and shared with a wider audience. Following discussion, it was agreed to table further discussion and decision at this time.
- UUA Annual Program Funding - Dave reported UUA is requesting \$17,347 as this year's contribution. This is the least amount requested in the past five years. This amount would be included as part of our next year's budget and would be paid in May '22. Dave Lyon made the motion, seconded by Jack Head to approve pledging in the amount of \$17,347 for UUA Annual Program Funding. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.
- General Assembly – General Assembly this year will again be held remotely and is scheduled for June 23 through June 27. Jack said he is considering attending and if so, would serve as one of our five delegates. Reverend Khleber mentioned possibility of streaming service live on Sunday, June 27th as our Sunday service.
- Change of June Board Meeting – As Pam will not be available on June 10, it was agreed to postpone our June meeting to the 17th.
- Board Covenant – As Salli is out of the office and not available to prepare it until her return, signing of the Covenant was postponed.

Next Meeting

- Next scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Attendance live or via zoom.

Adjournment

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Harrison, Secretary