

UUCOV Board of Trustees

Minutes of September 16, 2021 Meeting

Call to Order

- President Pamela Palmer called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.
- Opening Words were offered by Reverend Khleber
- Check In
- Members present: Pamela Palmer, Dave Lyon, Steve Leapley, and Serena Cannarelli. Members present via zoom: Jack Head, Ken Boysworth, and Claire Harrison. Also present, Reverend Khleber Van Zandt.
- Thank you note to Richard Cannarelli for having jumped in to operate A/V at Sunday service in the absence of A/V staff.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of July 15, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting approved as distributed via email.

Response to Reports & Correspondence

- President's Report – Agenda acts as report
- Vice-President's Report – Jack Head distributed Minutes of September 7, 2021 Coordinating Council meeting via email.
- Treasurer's Report – Dave Lyon submitted via email the Treasurer's and Bookkeeping report for August 2021 via email.
- Minister's Report – Reverend Khleber distributed his monthly report via email.

Ongoing Business

- Family Promise – Steve Batchelor and Phil Veach, co-chairs of our Family Promise Committee, joined the meeting to discuss current status of the program and their recommendations going forward. At local Family Promise's August meeting they attended it was decided that there would be no in person hosting scheduled until the beginning of 2022. Steve and Phil noted that it has been increasingly difficult to get participation by churches and volunteers with UUCOV having been one of two churches hosting four 2-week segments. They also spoke of a change in the focus of the program now turning more to permanent, affordable housing with goal of building 10 houses for purchase by eligible families. Family Promise does not currently have a vaccine mandate and where 13 churches had been involved at the beginning of COVID that number now stands at ten. Our own number of volunteers here at UUCOV has also been reduced because of aging, health issues, and having lost several active members in the program having died or having left the area.
Given these issues, recommendation is that we become a “support church” providing financial support and sharing our database of UUCOV volunteers wishing to continue their involvement but our not hosting at Asta Linder at least while COVID is active. Rather we continue to subsidize cost associated with putting families up in temporary housing through the end of the year and reconsider what we want to do going forward. Following questions and discussion, it was agreed to support the plan as presented.
Dave spoke of having been approached by Montessori School regarding leasing of Asta Linder for their use as a day care center for young children. Preliminary discussion and agreement this warrants further exploration. No recommendations or actions at this time.
- Task Force – Special Project to Update Sanctuary – Reviewed proposal submitted for updating of the sanctuary kitchen reviewed and discussed. Motion made by Dave Lyon and seconded by

Steve Leapley to approve proposal as submitted for updating of the kitchen at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. Following discussion, motion carried unanimously.

- Pam reported that she, Ruth Boysworth, and Linda Underwood met yesterday, September 15th, to discuss further interior and exterior improvements to the sanctuary. There are no proposals at this point.
- Music – Extending Contract of Lise Frank - As Treasurer, Dave was asked by the Music Committee to put forward to the Board extension of Lise Frank contract as pianist. The Music Committee has received several emails and verbal comments from members as to how delighted they are having Lise as pianist. This item will be included on agenda for October meeting.

New Business

- Installation of New Lift Stations – Correspondence has been received from the City of Venice regarding installation of lift stations for our property and Montessori’s. A lift station is a pumping station that moves wastewater from a lower elevation to a higher elevation. Running the lines is the responsibility of the property owners and are projected to cost between \$25,000 and \$50,000. This project will be started and completed sometime between November and January. Dave will speak with administration at Montessori regarding their assuming a greater share of the cost as they have higher use.
- Committee Structure – Coordinating Council has made the decision to meld Fundraising and Social Activities committee into one.
- Book Sale – Scheduled for Saturday December 4th and Sunday, December 5th.
- Celebration of New Season – It was agreed that with the continuing numbers of COVID cases increasing here and throughout the country, celebration of new season would be put on hold.
- Auction – Revenue included on our annual budget for this year under “auction” shows \$7,000. Discussion of having online auction or possibly doing smaller online auctions with fewer items on a monthly basis. Dave shared with the Board an article on a more equitable model of holding auction(s) entitled, *“One Congregation’s Response to Classism Workshops.”* It was agreed issue warrants further discussion.

Other Business

- Proposal for Special Collection Submitted by Pat Wellington – Board agreed request should be forwarded to and addressed by the Social Justice Committee.
- Choir Director – Reverend Khleber and Dave Lyon are working on developing a new contract reflecting changes in scope and time.
- Serena Cannarelli spoke of current COVID status in Florida and here in our area. She reports things are in holding pattern right now and that new information should soon be coming out. Stressed we need to be patient, informed, and ready to make adjustments as needed.
- Pam reminded the Board of our scheduled Board retreat on November 4th.

Next Meeting

- Next scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Attendance live or via zoom.

Adjournment

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Harrison, Secretary