

UUCOV Board of Trustees
Minutes of 1-12-23 Meeting

President Jack Head called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and turned the meeting over to Board Meeting Chair Bill Reynolds.

Members present: Jack Head, Steve Leapley, Ken Boysworth, Serena Cannarelli, Pat Wellington, Bill Reynolds and Moe Morison.

Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw present.

Opening words and Chalice lighting by Rev. Amy.

Guests present:

Legacy Friends representatives John Spitzer and Mark Murray gave a presentation on the program. The Board of Trustees assisted in establishing goals for the team in conjunction with the Board's support.

Committees Reporting Directly to the Board

By-Laws:

No report

Chief of Staff:

No report

Denominational Affairs:

Pat Wellington encouraged all to attend the UUA General Assembly, and reminded the Board that virtual attendance is an option. GA will be held in Pittsburgh, PA June 21-25, 2023.

Transition Team:

No report

Personnel:

No report

Health and Wellness:

No report

Minister Search:

Serena Cannarelli reported on the status of the search committee.

Strategic Planning:

Bill Reynolds gave an update on the status of the work the committee has been doing.

Stewardship:

The Pledge Campaign is on track with the kick-off scheduled for Jan 14-15, 2023.

Business Meeting called to order

Business meeting called to order by Bill Reynolds.

A quorum was established by Board Secretary Moe Morison.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of December 15, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting were approved by email previously; motion to formally approve was made by Steve Leapley and seconded by Jack Head. Motion passed.

Thank You Notes

Secretary Moe Morison wrote a thank you note to Barbara and Richard Buehring for taking our food donations to a food bank each week.

She also wrote a thank you note to Dave Williams for his years of service on the Finance Committee, and to thank him for retaining his position of money collection, known as “the counter” and depositing it to the bank each Monday.

Moe Morison also wrote a note to thank Vivienne and Dean Aldrich for providing the flowers each week for Sunday Service.

Correspondence

None reported

Reports

President’s Report:

No report

Vice President’s Report:

Steve Leapley gave an update on the roof repairs: the new roof on Waters Hall has been completed. As well, the solar panel replacements have been installed.

As well, Steve met with a small team and our attorney, Benjamin Demarsh to address the Easement issue with Island Village Montessori School. Next month, a meeting will occur with an IVMS representative and Mr. Demarsh.

Steve Leapley recommended that we engage in a safety walk-through with the Grounds Crew, as we continue to spruce up and improve our campus appearance. He also reported that IVMS patched the pot hole out front on the driveway.

Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer Ken Boysworth reported on the December Treasurer’s Report. This was reviewed (emailed to the Board previously). Motion was made by Pat Wellington and seconded by Moe Morison, to accept report. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jack Head and seconded by Pat Wellington to go into Executive Session. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Steve Leapley and seconded by Pat Wellington to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed.

Treasurer Ken Boysworth proposed that the Board accept revisions to the Policy and Procedures for the Endowment and Futures funds. Ken Boysworth made this motion and Steve Leapley seconded. Motion passed.

Serena Cannarelli made a motion that the Board accept Ken Boysworth's proposal that we accept the budget with a "not to exceed" figure of \$383,232.63. Motion seconded by Jack Head. Motion passed.

Minister's Report:

Rev. Amy hosted an informational session on the UUA Article 2 and the 8th principle topic Friday, January 6, in the Sanctuary. The history, background and issues germane to this timely topic were presented with a Q&A following. This event was held to assist our congregation in understanding the important potential change before the UUA General Assembly is held.

Rev. Amy reported on the progress being made regarding the website "Donate" button, with the new options and details available. Salli has been working to implement these improvements.

Rev. Amy introduced the possibility of adding us to the Sarasota County Film and TV Omnimedia list of potential filming sites. After review, the Board encouraged this source of fundraising, which can pay between \$1500-\$10,000 per day. Shoots usually last one to three days.

Rev. Amy reported that Sunday Service attendance has been increasing, with 150 adults and 5 children present at the January 8th service, and 24 individuals live-streaming. The Board celebrated Rev. Amy's fantastic announcement that 217 individuals participated virtually for the Christmas Eve Service, along with 115 adults and 2 children present in the Sanctuary.

Unfinished Business

UUCOV Campus Face-Lift:

Steve Leapley gave an update on the signage replacement scheduling—the vendor has been working on this project, and they have removed the old sign. Tree trimming will be done to prevent visual blockage of the new sign.

Given the current efforts being made to spruce up and improve our campus appearance, it was determined by the Board that the upholstered chairs in the Sanctuary have been due for a cleaning. In the interest of being budget-conscious, the chairs in the Sanctuary were cleaned by Ken Boysworth and Moe Morison on January 9, 2023.

New Business

Art and More Auction:

The auction is scheduled for Friday, Jan 20, 2023 and the preparations are progressing. Help is still needed for set up and clean up.

Coffee Hour:

The Board will sponsor the Coffee Hour following each Sunday service during the month of February. Board members signed up for each of the Sundays, to assist Ruth Boysworth with set up and clean up and to purchase and serve pastries.

Nokomis Area Summer Camp:

Steve Leapley made a motion that UUCOV provide a donation to support the Nokomis Area Community Association, which supports the Laurel and Nokomis low-income youth community. The Board agreed to an amount of \$1125, which will go toward tuition for children to attend the eight-week summer camp. The motion was seconded by Ken Boysworth. Motion passed.

Blue Lotus Signage request:

Blue Lotus has requested posting of temporary signs when they are having an activity or planned event on campus. The Board agreed to this as long as they comply with city ordinances and as long as they remove all signs at the end of each activity. Signs may not be stored on campus, and any signs left behind after a scheduled event will be discarded.

Motion made by Bill Reynolds to end the business meeting and seconded by Jack Head. Motion passed.

Business meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Chalice extinguished and closing words from Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw.

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 16, 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Moe Morison
Secretary