

UUCOV Board of Trustees

Minutes of June 15, 2023 Meeting

Members present: Steve Leapley, Ken Boysworth,
Pat Wellington (Zoom), Jean Sibbers and Barbara Buehring.
Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw present.

Guests present: Annie Harrison (Zoom), John Spitzer, Linda Underwood (Zoom)

Call to Order: Steve Leapley

Chalice Lighting: Steve Leapley

Opening Words: Rev. Amy

Process Observer: Jean Sibbers

Committees Reporting Directly to the Board

By-Laws: no report

Chief of Staff: no report

Denominational Affairs: no report

Transition Team: no report

Personnel Committee: no report

Health and Wellness: no report

Minister Search: no report

Strategic Planning: no report

Stewardship: will continue to be a committee under finance team

Business meeting called to order by Steve Leapley

A quorum was established by Board Secretary Barbara Buehring.

Vice President and CC chair Report

Steve Leapley reports that the easement issue is on hold due to difficulty getting in touch with attorney. School will not pave road until resolved. Canceled Church Only parking signs because of feedback it would be unfriendly. Portable speed bumps were purchased by school. Want to put one by Waters sign, second by tree. The school will position them as we recommend, at the start of the school year. Steve Leapley moved that we place the speed bumps as recommended, Jean Sibbers seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Minister's Report

Rev Amy is in the midst of her 6 to 12 month review of UUCOV for UUA. The Board needs to submit one too. Rev Amy will email her review to the Board. Jean Sibbers and Pat Wellington will write one for UUCOV, which the Board will vote on. Salli doesn't have access to our Power Church database, needs view-only access. Attendance compared to last June 6 this year: We had 78 in sanctuary plus 28 at home and 5 children on 6/6/2023; on same week last year attendance was 35 in sanctuary plus 61 at home, no children. Our highest attendance was for the Christmas Eve service, when there were 300 in seats and more online. On average, our attendance is higher now than when we had two services. We also have decent number of podcast listeners, including global listeners.

Treasurer's Report

Ken Boysworth's report was emailed to the Board previously for review. A motion was made by Steve Leapley and seconded by Pat Wellington to accept the report. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes of the May 11, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting were approved by email; motion to formally approve was made by Steve Leapley and seconded by Jean Sibbers. The motion passed.
 - Emailed decisions:
 - Pat Wellington moved that the Finance Committee move UUCOV's Reserve Fund monies from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation (GCCF) and place the GCCF funds into the Truist restricted checking account ending in 5926 as a holding place until a proposal is made for the best destination. Bill Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed by email.
 - Bill Reynolds moved that we accept the proposal as presented by the Finance Committee dated 06/03/2023 concerning UUCOV's Reserve Funds (that \$50,000.00 be placed into in a FDIC Fidelity 9 month Brokered Certificate of Deposit & \$52,701.99 in a FDIC Fidelity Money Market Fund.) Jean Sibbers seconded the motion. The motion carried by email.
- Steve Leapley moved we formally accept the two email votes, Ken Boysworth seconded, the motion carried.
- Thank You Note and Get Well card were sent to Eddie Keffel. Thank You notes will be sent to Nancy Messier (banners) and to the members of the Strategic Planning Committee: Rich Cannarelli, Barb Gundy, Bev Morrison, and Jackie Wides.
 - Correspondence-none

Unfinished Business

- The Board's October meeting will be joint with the Finance Committee in order to plan for a semiannual Congregational meeting November 4, 2023 at 10am. Advise Salli to put this on the calendar.
- Finance committee will look into the UUCEF financial management fund.
- Membership—after the annual mtg Membership makes recommendations regarding continued membership for people no longer participating. There are thirteen individuals this year who are no longer participating and could not be reached, plus one being moved to emeritus status. It is important to remove them from voting roles, so the count is correct in determining a quorum. Also, in Fall (November), there will be an effort to reach out to pledging Friends to ask what would it take for them to become members, because they don't have a vote as Friends. Annie Harrison will look through Breeze: only pledging Friends, not non-pledging friends should be in Breeze to keep member info secure from someone potentially only posing as a friend. Steve Leapley moved that that Membership Committee may act on the 13 inactive memberships at its own discretion, Jean Sibbers seconded. Motion was approved.
- Salli or Naomi will update the list of standing committees on the web page. John Spitzer will talk to Salli.
- Welcoming Congregation/Uplift—Rev Amy recommends waiting to do this with new minister, not while we are in search.
- Rev Dennis—will let us know in Fall if he can bring his show here
- Breakfast before GA service live stream is planned for June 25. Kathy Avery (Worship) is organizing. This would be instead of our regular service, and not at the usual time for service.
- Board retreat re strategic planning and goal setting will be held September 27 at 9:30 am at Rev Amy's home.
- Quarterly meeting with Board—have Finance committee attend a Board meeting. Alternate Finance coming to Board meeting with Board going to Finance meeting.

New Business

- Wish List will be a working group consisting of Bill Dowling and Linda Underwood under Finance Committee.

- Finance committee and Board will put something together for mass mailing re finances, Judy Houston will edit
- Treasurer candidates: we're going to have to outsource a lot of the work or no one will take the position. Finance committee will consider the problem. Need to update Chart of Accounts in Power Church. Charles Lewis might be a good (outside) person to look at it.
- Finance Committee reported on UUCOV current financial situation; hurricane shutters and sanctuary roof were added to the emailed report. Bill Dowling and Steve Leapley (Campus Team) discussed shutters and roof, got bids for the jobs, and recommended to Finance that we not do shutters and put roof replacement off for 3 years. The roof was checked by a professional who estimated that it will need to be replaced in 4 or 5 years. The Finance committee is looking into putting money aside for eventual roof replacement. The Finance committee recommends not purchasing shutters. Steve Leapley moved that we follow the Finance Committee recommendation not to purchase hurricane shutters and to wait on replacing the roof. Ken Boysworth seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Steve Leapley moved that we cancel the August meeting, Barbara seconded. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Leapley to end the business meeting and seconded Ken Boysworth. The motion carried.

The business meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

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

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 13, 2023, 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Buehring
Secretary