

UUCOV Board of Trustees
Minutes December 18, 2025 Meeting

Attending: Steve, Bill, Marcia, Barbara, Rev. Amy, Judith, John, Bev (Zoom)

Guests: Richard Cannarelli, Tom Hartley

Opening words/light chalice: Rev. Amy

Establish that a quorum is present: Barbara

Call the meeting to order: Bill

Steve moves we approve the minutes of the November meeting and the agenda of the December meeting, Judith seconds, the motion carries.

Richard Cannarelli: The Suncoast Social Justice Alliance wants to put on another event and is looking to raise money. It has applied for 501c3 status and is asking for UUCOV to allow them to use Faithify to raise money. The reading event was billed as a UUCOV event, this is not. Faithify collects the money and issues one check. UUCOV would be the recipient of the money, otherwise Faithify wouldn't work. Venice Pride is a 501c3 and acts as fiduciary. Bill moves the Board approve using UUCOV Faithify for the Alliance's program on Saving our Democracy, Steve seconds, the motion carries.

Minister's Report: Rev. Amy is working with Sally Erb and Ayleen on marketing. Current projects are Religion Around the World classes, working on publicizing the ribbon cutting for our library. We are trying to get the Gondolier here to get pictures of UUCOV authors sitting in our library with their books; the date for this is Feb. 28. Karlus Trapp will be performing Dylan music starting at 4 pm. Talks by Rev. Amy and Ayleen will be starting at 3:30. The date for this is January 31. Posters have been created, and we are trying to publicize the event as heavily as we can. How much do we want to promote the Katherine Stewart event (Separation of Church and State, Feb. 21)? "Save Our Democracy" is a UUCOV event. We're hosting the Katherine Stewart event (they're here by invitation). Rev. Amy suggests holding a workshop on working with major donors, targeting large gifts. She is planning to relaunch Legacy Friends and is getting the paperwork in order.

Marketing and Office: New Membership program, new program for new members who have been here a bit to meet with team heads asking new members to get involved doing small tasks. Next step is getting folks from active member to active leader. Discussion of Board members talking to new members at coffee hour.

President's Report: defer to later

Vice President's Report: Policies and Procedures document is almost done. Hope to approve it at January Board meeting. Anne Harrison's new program is called Checkpoint. There is a candidate for choir director.

Treasurer's Report: was emailed. Wishlist item for Reclaimed Water is complete. Can use an anonymous donation for Wishlist items, general, for security bollards if needed. Thinking of keeping the Shareholder meetings but simplifying them so there is less work, fewer meetings. They could be held in the Sanctuary after service. Starting a Special Music fund was discussed. Also discussed was identifying a project linked to a donor's interests to ask for major gifts.

Secretary's Report: Thank yous sent to Anna Dralios, to Moe Morison for cleaning the chairs in the Sanctuary, to Ayleen and Eileen for the Halloween party, to Bob Jennings for watering the two new royal poinciana trees at the rear of Waters Hall. Coordinating Council and Board minutes are now being emailed to Members and Supporting Friends so they can access them without needing a password. Congregation is sending in suggestions for our Unsung Hero. New thank yous needed? Send Bob Knudsen a thank you for installing a new lock at Waters. We will discuss Unsung Hero and other Heroes at our January meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Reclaimed water. We applied for and got a permit from the City of Venice for the hookup. Then a meter will be installed. The Wishlist funds will cover this. We will be pretty much set after \$4000 more in expenditure. 6000 gallons of water were delivered for the pond; this is not something we can do on a regular basis.

NEW BUSINESS

- Solar issues. We are not getting the benefit we should from it. Three to five panels were not working, and the system was not sending alerts to our solar company. It's now hooked up but is still not producing as much as we were with previous panels, so we are asking the company for more panels at no cost. We are now producing enough to cover most of our electricity bills. FPL automatic billing plan is causing confusion regarding what we're actually producing.
- Security while Steve is away. Richard Cannarelli is getting 2-person teams together to cover security needs while Steve is away. We are still looking at barrier solutions for the north side of the Sanctuary. Placing two or three cement picnic tables and benches placed between the parked cars and the wall of the Sanctuary is a possibility. Judith will check out heavyweight cement picnic tables.
- Annual Team reports. Barbara moves that the due date for annual team reports be changed to the end of March, John seconds. The motion carries.

- Board email addresses were discussed.
- The UUCOV Auction will remain a fundraiser for our operating expenses.

Steve moves to end the business meeting, Barbara seconds, the motion carries. The business meeting ended at 11:05 am.

The Board entered Executive Session to discuss employee raises.

Steve moves to end Executive Session, Bill seconds, the motion carries and executive session was ended at 11:25 am.

Our next meeting will be on January 15, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Buehring
Board Secretary