UUCOV Board of Trustees

Minutes October, 2026

Attending: Marcia, Marty, Barbara, Bev (Zoom), Drew, John (Zoom), Rev. Amy, Sally Erb (Zoom)

Guests: Sally Watts, Bill Reynolds

Opening Words/Light Chalice: Rev Amy, Marcia

Establish a quorum is present: Barbara

Call meeting to order: Marcia

Drew moved we approve the minutes of the September meeting and the agenda of the October meeting, Marcia seconded, the motion carried.

Introduction of Sally Watts to the Board: There will be a Halloween/ Day of the Dead party; coffee and conversations reflections on Sunday's service on Tuesday; and a Thanksgiving potluck the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Rev. Amy's Making Your Own Theology class was attended by a reporter from the Gondolier. A newspaper article prior to the class resulted in good attendance, including outsiders.

Minister's Report: Rev. Amy is working with the DEE, talking with Immokalee workers and with the ALSO Youth head, talking about strengthening their partnerships with UUCOV. Rev Amy has been approved for 6 more years at UUCOV—this one plus 5 more following.

Marketing: see newspaper article re class

President's Report: interviewing possible choir director Ryan Reeson

Vice-President's Report: keeping track of charitable organization donations was discussed. The Campus Planning Committee and the new DEE both presented to Coordinating Council. We have one new member.

Treasurer's Report: was emailed

Secretary's Report: Thank yous were sent to Hector, Serena, Michelle Green, Jackie Wides for their work on the DEE search. New thank yous have been requested for donations and are in process. Rev. Amy requested a thank you be sent to the flautist at our recent service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Update on campus improvements. Kevin Smith is a project manager. The next step will be for an architecture firm to produce a concept and design plan. The Phase 1 cost will be about $20K. Feasibility issues re accessibility and campus limitations will be studied. Planning is for occupancy of 225 people. The congregation will be asked for ideas when we have options to present.
    - Waters Hall renovation—we are waiting for a report from the contractor with costs. We may take the accessible bathroom part out and do that first, perhaps use the Wish List to fund that.

- Form an Education and Engagement Committee to work with our DEE. Marty moves we form the DEE committee, Drew seconds, motion carries. Discussion of a committee chair was deferred until our next meeting.
- Establishment of an Education Fund as a restricted fund to provide funds to sponsor events and programs offered by UUCOV. The presentations would be open to the general public. We are not yet ready to act on it. We will work on how to define this and add it to Policy and Procedures. We will form a committee to administer the fund. Its purpose is not to provide guidance to the DEE. The DEE can be consulted, but the DEE is not responsible for planning how to use this fund. This was advised to be way too much to put on the DEE, especially one that is just learning our congregation and getting more familiar with UU.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approve cost of updating our electronic sign/training in its use. We expect $500 total for laptop plus an additional expense for training. Drew moves we approve spending up to $800 total for the laptop plus training. Marty seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- Newsletter format was discussed. It is too long to print and the format will remain as is.

Beginning in November, our meeting time will be changed to 1 pm.

Marty moves we adjourn the business meeting, Drew seconds, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am

Our next meeting will be November 19, 2026 at 1 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Buehring
Board Secretary