



**UUFMSA Board Meeting
April 13, 2023**

***Regular Session
Called to order 2:10pm***

Attending: Joan Wolf, Susan MacDonnell, Lee Knox, Phyllis Culp, Jurgen Ahlers, Allen Zeesman, Chris Chase, Christie McGue, Michael Murphy, Anne Geyer, Rev. Tom Rosiello.

This meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm, and was recorded

**1. Review and Approval Minutes of April 18, April 19 and April 26, 2023.
Susan**

Secretary pointed out a discrepancy between the final wording of Motion 2 in the two sets of minutes. The final wording that appears in the March 18th minutes is missing the phrase “including, but not limited to, the creation of a separate social action foundation” which did appear in the language of the approved Motion 2.

Given the discrepancy, Secretary asked all of those who were board members at the time of the March 18th meeting, to confirm that this missing clause was intended to be part of the final wording of the Ballot measure. All board members who were present at the March 18th meeting asserted that their recollection was that the language appearing on the ballot for Motion 2 was in fact the language they voted to approve on March 18th.

Therefore, Susan requested a motion that this specific discrepancy in the March 18th meeting be corrected to conform with the Motion 2 ballot language.
Chris moved, Michael seconded, unanimously passed

- a. Susan requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2023 meeting as a whole, including the correction to the approved Board Motion cited in the minutes.
Moved- Jurgen Ahlers; Second- Chris Chase;, all in favor
- b. Susan requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19th, 2023 meeting as a whole., including the reference to the March 18 language for the Board Motion.
Moved-Lee Knox; Second- Anne Geyer; all in favor
- c. Chris noted that Judith Jenya’s name was misspelled in the March 26, 2023 minutes.
Moved- Jurgen Ahlers, Second- Christie McGue; all in favor

2. Treasurers Report - Phyllis did not have a report for this meeting

3. Other Committee reports:

- Finance Committee: Joan asked the board to for a motion to appoint Gary Belkin as Chair of

Finance Committee.
Moved- Chris Chase
Second- Phyllis Culp
All in favor

- Social Action Grants Committee. Michael Murphy asked to speak to the Board on behalf of SAC.

Michael reminded board that the way SAC functions is difficult because decisions are made regarding awarding of grants before knowing how much will be allocated to SAC through the budget process. Speaking for SAC, Michael stated they feel great urgency to be able to tell NGOs how much they will be getting because these organizations depend on UUFMSA funds.

Discussion regarding pace of pledges coming in and potential impact on final budget for 2023; Secretary was asked to read Motion 1 approved at Annual Meeting—to clarify that we are currently authorized to spend 50% of the total that was awarded in 2022 for SAC grants (50% of \$55,000). In addition, Motion 2 allows for spending beyond the 25% per quarter for “urgent needs” including grants:

*...That spending will also not exceed 25 percent of the 2022 approved budget for administrative and operating expenses. The Board is also authorized to spend funds for critical staff raises, rent increases, essential equipment such as a computer and software, **and urgent social action grants as determined by the Board.***

Motion: *Whereas the Board acknowledges its intention to maintain SAC grants at the 2022 level, the Board approves \$28k be allocated to NGO grants for the 1st and 2nd qtrs. of 2023, in accordance with the budget resolution passed at the 2023 Annual Meeting, .*

Moved-- Allen Zeesman
Second- Chris Chase
All in favor

4. **Creation of a Healthy Community Team- Joan**

Joan introduced the request for a motion to approve a healthy community team and described how this came out of the idea of right relations and the need for a group that can help when relationships and communications are not going as they should within the fellowship. The HCT would be asked to propose a structure including consequences for dealing with inappropriate behavior; establish ways to deal with conflict, refer to the board.

Motion: *to authorize creation of an HCT, made up of Phyllis Vince, Janet Freed, and Bart Jarvis, to propose their vision for a HCT. The group will submit a plan to the board at the May 11, 2023 board meeting*

Susan moved
Jurgen- seconded
All in favor

5. **Creation of a Foundation Planning Team - Joan**

Motion: *to authorize creation of a Foundation Planning Team, made up of the following members: Michael Murphy, Jane Wilkinson, Anne Guyer, Robin Loving, Dan Newspiel, Bill Dalsimer, Paula Peace, Allen Zeesman, and*

ex officio member, Tom Rosiello. FPT to submit and initial report to the Board at May 11, 2023 board meeting

Moved- Susan MacDonnell
Seconded – Lee Knox
All in favor

6. **ACTA** - Joan described upcoming issues related to ACTA documents Board needs to authorize an acting President and a second board member to sign for matters related to ACTA. Proposal is to make Lee Knox acting-President and Allen Zeesman as second board member authorized to act on matters relating to ACTA.

Motion: *For purposes of ACTA documents, Lee Knox will act as the President of the Fellowship, and Allen Zeesman will act as the Vice President.*

Seconded- Michael Murphy
All in favor

7. **Minister's report**

Tom briefly updated the board on the UU sessions, Tuesday groups, meetings of the COM and SSC. Craig Rubano to be guest minister, preaching on the theme of reimagining social action, bringing donation to Libros para Todos.

Tom with COM will be working on the creation of a "small group ministry" effort; believes it will be critical to moving the fellowship forward. Tom will send a link to an article on small group ministries.

8. **Board retreat Q & A -Jurgen provided a brief rundown of our Saturday retreat.**

9. **Acknowledged guests on zoom - Ellie, Dave**

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm
Respectfully submitted, May 5, 2023
Susan MacDonnell
Secretary, UUFSMA

Approved, May 11, 2023