



## **UUFSMA Special Board Meeting August 24, 2023 1:00pm**

Meeting was recorded beginning at 1:00 pm, by Paula Peace

**Board members present:** Allen Zeesman, Anne Geyer, Chris Chase, Dianne Dailey, Jurgen Ahlers, Lee Knox, Michael Murphy, Susan MacDonnell

**Guests:** Paula Peace, Robin Loving, Sara Rutherford, Phyllis Vince

### **Agenda:**

**1-** Meeting was called to order at 1pm, by President Lee Knox

The Board Covenant was read aloud. President then turned the meeting over to Allen Zeesman.

Allen thanked Lee Knox for agreeing to attend this, her final meeting as the President of the Board. He then explained the purpose behind this special board meeting—"to get people into positions so that we can continue to operate the Fellowship and start up the Foundation."

**2-** Approval of the August 10 Minutes – previously circulated. Chris Chase moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Michael Murphy and passed unanimously.

**3-** Election of Board Members and Foundation Governors. (Allen Zeesman, as Acting President)

Allen Zeesman made the following omnibus motion:

1. That the Board accept the resignation of Lee Knox, express our appreciation for her contribution and wish her all the best for the future;  
The Board appoint Allen Zeesman as President;
2. The Board appoint Sara Rutherford as Vice-President;  
The Board appoint Phyllis Vince as Treasurer;  
The Board thank Susan MacDonnell for continuing as Secretary against many odds;
3. The Board appoint Paula Peace to the Governance Committee of the Social Justice Foundation (GCSJF) and as the Chair;
4. The Board Appoint Jane Wilkinson to the GCSJF;
5. The Board appoint Donn Zellett to the GCSJF;
6. The Board appoint Kim Van Kapel to the GCSJF;
7. The Board appoint Rosemary Harman to the GCSJF;  
The Board commit as a group to best efforts to fill the remaining member at large position.

Motion seconded by Michael Murphy

Board member asked for some introductions to the newest members of the Board and GCSJF, Sara Rutherford and Rosemary Harmon.

After brief discussion, Jurgen Ahlers called the motion.  
Vote of current members: Six in favor, unanimous.

#### Agenda Item 2. Appointment of the Communications Chair

Allen Zeesman moved to appoint Robin Loving as chair of the Communication Committee, to replace Hugh Tomlinson.

Second- Michael Murphy

Unanimous- 8 (including new members approved in prior motion)

#### Agenda Item 3. Pledge Campaign Target. (Chris Chase)

Brief conversation with timing of pledge campaign and on how to establish a beginning date.

Motion by Chris Chase to have a 2024 budget target that reflects 2023 final budget approved at the membership meeting August 13, 2023, with an increase of 6.65 for inflation; with request for all committees to be open to reductions as possible to meet our budget targets.

Chris - Clarified that the budget does not include SAC grants, only UUFSMA operating expenses.

Motion-Second by Phyllis Vince

Michael Murphy requested substitute a motion to have 10% increase rather than 6.65

Jurgen – comments relative to three drives – pledge, foundation, MIR

Need to answer the questions related to a "segue" year – What will SA grants look like for 2024

Allen suggests this direction of comment is not germane to the motion on the table however it should be added to September agenda.

Paula surprised to hear talk of a budget decision for 2024 when SSC hasn't had it's discussions about needs

Allen responds that yes, the budget should come first, the problem is operations.

Michael Murphy suggests than in fact we can make the budget for 2024 in time.

Allen calls on both Phyllis, Robin and Sara to confirm Michael's position.

They do. Allen withdraws the motion; Allen and Sara and Phyllis to begin the budget process immediately.

Motion to adjourn- Michael Murphy

Second- Phyllis Vince

Approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan MacDonnell, UUFSMA Secretary

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