



UUFSA Board Meeting September 14, 2023 ~ 1:00pm

(Board meetings will be recorded, beginning at 1:00 pm)

Members present- Allen Zeesman, Susan MacDonnell, Chris Chase, Dianne Dailey, Anne Geyer, Michael Murphy, Jurgen Ahlers, Sara Rutherford, Tom Rosiello (ex-officio)

Guests- Paula Peace, Margo Johnson, Dan Neuspiel, Cathy Canepa, Robin Loving, Eleanor Goodwin, Dick Snyder, Janet Freed, Don Craft (sp?)

Opening Words from Allen

Recitation of Board Covenant

As members of the UUFSA Board of Directors, we share the responsibility of representing *all* members of our Fellowship. In this capacity, we practice *deep listening* as varying positions, or issues, are presented for the Board's action. We pledge in all our dealings to honor and reflect our UU Principles, and to speak with *one voice* - once the Board has decided on any given issue.

Approval of Minutes from August 24 Special Board Meeting

Minutes approved with two minor spelling corrections

Moved- Jurgen Ahlers; Second, Susan MacDonnell; unanimous

Executive Report Highlights (Allen)

Allen briefly explained we'll show this as a regular agenda heading in the event there are timely reports from executive team. None for this meeting, as Phyllis Vince unavailable.

Finance and Budget "Nuts and Bolts"- update from Paula Peace

Paula gave a detailed report about her efforts over the past month to correct and clarify budget numbers, in concert with meeting with outgoing Treasurer Phyllis Culp.

Paula reviewed her draft end of year budget report and explained assumptions made regarding what UUFSA has available till end of this year.

Board VP Sara Rutherford reported on her work with the program council and requests for the chairs to submit draft 2024 budget requests. These are due to her by Sept 29, so that there will be time for thoughtful consideration of a budget for the new fiscal year, 2024.

She is also researching software to assist the Fellowship with more thorough tracking of income and expenses for our three sources of income – Fellowship, Foundation and Endowment.

Other topics included each committee having access to own DropBox folder, with proper processes and permissions established.

Reminders will be sent out regarding the upcoming volunteer fair on September 24, reminding committees of what they'll need to provide if they are participating.

Decision by board to have separately scheduled Stewardship drive and Foundation fundraising on annual basis.

Motion to confirm that we will hold separate campaigns for Stewardship and for Foundation fundraising.

Moved- Chris Chase; Second, Michael Murphy; unanimous

Minister's Report

Rev. Tom gave a brief update on current pastoral care issues, and information regarding upcoming leadership retreat on September 24.

Guest Comments—

There was a discussion regarding the need for having clearer expectations around how information is submitted to, reviewed/edited by, approved by the Communications committee and similarly for inclusion in the OOS. These are processes that continue to develop, and will require input by the chairs of these committee (Comms and SSC) and members who seek to have announcements placed in newsletter, OOS, other means of distribution. Discussion opened up questions about who edits and for what purposes (content/clarity vs. style, for example).

Adjournment at 2:40 pm

Moved by Jurgen Ahlers, Seconded by Chris Chase (?), unanimous