**Special Board Meeting**

**UUFSMA Board of Directors**

**Thursday, October 26, 2023, 1:00 pm**

Minutes of board Meeting

**Opening Words**

**Recitation of Board Covenant (please recite together)***As members of the UUFSMA 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 October 12, 2023** Board Meeting, including actions approved by email vote during previous two weeks. (Minutes attached)

Moved to approve – Phyllis Vince; Seconded- Dianne Dailey; unanimously approved

Allen opened to discuss changes to the agenda, dropping the proposed motion to approve a final agenda for the Members meeting on November 26, 2023, because the items for the agenda have been previously approved and/or amended during the last regular board meeting and by email votes subsequent. All of these are reflected in the approved minutes of the October 12 board meeting.

Items for discussion and action:

**1. 2024 Budget on the Membership meeting Agenda (Allen Zeesman)**

Proposed Motion: to remove approval of a final 2024 Budget from the membership meeting agenda; and move this approval to a membership meeting to be held on a date to be determined after January 1, 2024

Motion as above, moved by: Michael Murphy; Seconded Phyllis Vince, unanimously approved.

**2. Approval of a final 2024 Budget  (Allen Zeesman and Phyllis Vince)**

Allen explained the need for the board to approve a preliminary budget now and how it may or may not change depending on the pledge drive. The remainder of the meeting was a line-by-line review and approval of the currently proposed 2024 Budget led by Phyllis.

All line items were approved unanimously, with the following changes:

Minister Professional Expenses Increased to $2,000 from $500

Moved to amend Anne Geyer, Seconded Chris Chase, unanimously approved

Printing Supplies Reduced to $50 from $800

Moved by Chris Chase, Seconded Michael Murphy, unanimously approved

Internet Service Reduced to $0 from $150

Moved by Jurgen Ahlers, Seconded Dianne Dailey, unanimously approved

Foundation Marketing Reduced to $555 from $2,600

During discussion, Jurgen Ahlers called the vote, Seconded Phyllis Vince, vote was 7 in favor 1 abstention to call the vote.

Vote on the Motion to reduce- Moved by Phyllis Vince, Seconded Michael Murphy, unanimously approved

Motion to accept the budget as currently proposed and amended, subject to implementation of an expenditure management system for 2024.

Moved by Allen Zeesman, Seconded Michael Murphy, unanimously approved

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Moved by Sara Rutherford, Seconded Anne Geyer, unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm

Minutes submitted by:

Susan MacDonnell,

Secretary, UUFSMA

Approved: Nov 21, 2023