

**Minutes  
UUFSMA Board Meeting  
January 16, 2024**

**Present: Allen Zeesman, Susan MacDonnell, Phyllis Vince, Chris Chase, Dianne Dailey, Chris Chase, Jurgen Ahlers, Michael Murphsy, Anne Geyer, Sara Rutherford, Tom Rosiello**

**Guests: Kim Van Kapel**

**Opening Words**

**Recitation of Board Covenant**

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.

**Motion to approve Agenda**

Moved by Jurgen Ahlers

Second by Chris Chase, approved unanimously with addition of Hospitality Committee

**Motion to approve Minutes from December 12, 20231 Board Meeting, and documentation of email vote to endorse the UUA Values amendment proposal.**

Moved by Anne Geyer

Second by Phyllis Vince, unanimously approved with no corrections.

**Executive Team reports**

Allen- ongoing work on budget, member meetings

Phyllis – reviewed the 2023 End of Year and the 2024 Proposed Budget, status of pledges.

Sara – update on Breeze software and progress with inputting member information, working on payment portion, will serve as means for accepting pledges/donations, etc.

Chris – question re: making any changes to current web platform . Sara responded that there’s a decision to postpone website upgrading until we are closer to end of contract. This has been postponed till later in the spring.

**Minister’s Report**

Programming for members this coming year- Intro to UU 2 days, Feb/Mar, other courses

In communication with speakers and ministers

Overview of upcoming services

Still working towards small group ministry, and relevance of current books like those by David Brooks, Harari, etc to this, as well as to adult education

**Hospitality committee update- Jurgen**

Idea to have board members to host or sit with visitor hasn’t taken off, maybe take it up in future, but seems to be working informally to spend more time with visitors

Good help with ensuring wheelchair access works better

**New Business:**

* **Review of Dick Snyder’s requests for budget amendments. (Allen Zeesma)**

**Move to : Cancel the Jan 21 membership meeting and send a notice to members with the reasons for this decision, as laid out in statement from AZ, Jan 15**

Move- Michael Murphy

Second- Allen Zeesman, unanimous

**Move to cancel special board meeting sched for Jan 23**

Move- Dianne Dailey

Second Chris chase, unanimous

**Motion to enter Executive Session**

Moved by Susan MacDonnell, seconded by Anne Geyer, unanimously approved

**Executive Session**

**Discussion about personnel issue**

Motion to adjourn, 5:15 pm

Second, Dianne Dailey, unanimous

Minutes submitted by Susan MacDonnell,Secretary

Approved Jan 30 2024