MINUTES OF THE UUFSMA BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH 2, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE: Eleanor Goodwin, Dick Snyder, Phyllis Vince, Phyllis Culp, Robin Loving, Rev. Tom Rosiello, Paula Peace, Jane Wilkinson, Christie McGue, Margo Johnson, Carolyn Simsarian, Janet Freed, Chris Chase, Gary Belkin, Jurgen Ahlers, Bill Dalsimer, Cathy Canepa, Dan Neuspiel, Susan McDonnell, Joan Wolf, Joseph Plummer, Lee Knox, John Simsarian.

MOTION: Approve March 2, 2023 agenda.

FIRST: Gary B

SECOND: Christie M

OUTCOME: Motion approved.

MOTION: Review and accept Feb. 13, 2023 Board meeting Minutes.

FIRST: Gary B

SECOND: Christie M

OUTCOME: Motion approved.

BOARD WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:07 PM UNTIL 2:30 PM WHEN GUESTS WERE INVITED INTO THE MEETING.

MOTION: UUFSMA members authorize the Board of Directors to engage an outside facilitator, perhaps with a recommendation from the UUA, to recommend a plan of reconciliation or division of the Fellowship at a cost not to exceed $20,000, and to pay such amount to said outside facilitator from the Fellowship’s reserves, with results of such work to be reported to and voted on by the membership by June 30, 2023. Members also authorize the Board to spend funds for administrative and operational expenses of the Fellowship for the second quarter of 2023 (April-June), not to exceed 25% of the 2022 approved budget for administrative and operating expenses and, if necessary, for the third quarter of 2023 (July-September) not to exceed 25% of the 2022 approved budget for administrative and operating expenses.

FIRST: Gary B

SECOND: Chris C

OUTCOME: Motion unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Margo J will resign effective April 1, 2023. Petitions for this position may be submitted to Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee will verify the required 10 signatures as members and prepare the ballot.

PLEDGE REPORT: Robin L reported that 117 out of 230 pledging units (62%) have completed their pledge, totaling a pledge amount of $83,000. Some members have reported they will not pledge until after the Annual Meeting. The 2023 pledge campaign will be revisited after that time.

MOTION: To extend FY22 budget to FY23 budget year.

FIRST: John S

SECOND: No second

OUTCOME: Motion not made.

MOTION: To reduce budget line item for lay speakers by $450. and cut visiting minister budget by $200.

FIRST: Christie M

SECOND: Cathy C

OUTCOME: Motion approved.

MOTION: To reduce the budget line item for minister’s salary by $1,000.

FIRST: Christie M

SECOND: Janet F

OUTCOME: Motion approved.

MOTION: To reduce computer reimbursement line item by $200.

FIRST: Christie M

SECOND: Jurgen A

OUTCOME: Motion approved.

MOTION: To reduce minister expenses to $4500.

FIRST: Christie M

SECOND: No second

OUTCOME: Motion not made.

MOTION: To reduce UUA fee by $1,000.

FIRST: Gary B

SECOND: Christie M

OUTCOME: Motion approved.

There were no objections to budget items under Sunday Services, except cost of flowers.

MOTION: To reduce flower expense by $150.

FIRST: Jurgen A

SECOND: Janet F

OUTCOME: Motion approved.

MOTION: To make the wearing of masks in Sunday Services optional, and to make available a separate section for those who choose to wear masks.

FIRST: Bill D

SECOND: Jurgen A

OUTCOME: Motion approved.

MOTION: To hold Coffee Hour outside and charge $50MX per cup.

FIRST: Gary B

SECOND: Bill D

OUTCOME: Motion approved.

MOTION: The amount distributed to the NGO’s in 2023 will be $35,000.

FIRST: Gary B

SECOND: Christie M

OUTCOME: Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Freed

UUFSMA Board Secretary

March 6, 2023