MINUTES TO THE UUFSMA BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH 13, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE: Margo Johnson, Carolyn Simsarian, Chris Chase, Lee Knox, Gary Belkin, Michael Murphy, Joseph Plummer, Paula Peace, Dan Neuspiel, Bill Dalsimer, Rev. Tom Rosiello, Robin Loving, Jane Wilkinson, Cathy Canepa, Christie McGue, Eleanor Goodwin, John Simsarian, Jurgen Ahlers, Janet Freed.

1. MOTION: To approve March 13, 2023 agenda.

MOVED: Michael M

SECOND: Bill D

ACTION: Approved.

1. MOTION: To accept March 8, 2023 minutes with amendment that the pledging units were 50% of total, not 62%.

MOVED: Bill D

SECOND: Gary B

ACTION: Approved.

1. MOTION: To accept March 2, 2023 minutes.

MOVED: Michael M

SECOND: Bill D

ACTION: Approved.

1. MOTION: To remove commentary from FY23 budget.

MOVED: Carolyn S

SECOND: Jane W

ACTION: Motion tabled.

1. MOTION: To split Motion 1 into 2 motions.
   1. Motion 1will read: UUFSMA members authorize the Board of Directors to recommend a plan of reconciliation or division of the Fellowship with results of such work to be reported to and voted on by the membership by June 30, 2023.
   2. Motion 1 – B will read: (If Motion 1 passes) UUFSMA members approve a cost not to exceed $20,000 for a facilitator to assist the Fellowship in deciding our future.
   3. Motion Two will read: Members 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 approved budget for administrative and operating expenses, plus an amount for critical staff raises, rent increases, essential equipment such as computer and software and urgent social action grants as determined by the Board.

MOVED: Bill D

SECONDED: Chris C

ACTION: Approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Gary Belkin reported there is no Treasurer’s Report this month. Updates include that UUFSMA funds have been transferred from Frost Bank to a new bank and the funds breached have been returned, except for $1,800 which will be returned soon.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Chris Chase reported UUFSMA now has 240 members.

1. MOTION: To reinstitute a staffed information table upstairs.

MOVED: Chris C

SECOND: Carolyn S

ACTION: Approved.

PLEDGE REPORT: Robin reported that 55.4% of pledging units have pledged a total of $86,776, which is 68.17% of proposed FY23 budget.

PROCEDURES FOR MARCH 19 AND 26 MEETINGS: Dan N reported he will be the Zoom Host that day.

* He is in need of volunteers to:
  + Distribute, collect, and tally votes. Bill D and John S volunteered.
  + A laptop monitor for speakers. Paula volunteered.
* Ivan will monitor the 2 Minute Timer.
* There will be two microphones, one PRO and one CON, as well as the podium microphone being used as the procedural microphone.
* Dan strongly recommended that a motion be inserted to suspend rule stating that financial reports need to be distributed two weeks prior to annual meeting. All agreed.
* Margo announced a Parliamentarian will be needed for both meetings.
* Joseph Plummer reported he is working on the ballot forms and will circulate them prior to the annual meeting.
* It was emphasized voting will be by secret ballot.
* Due to the length of the meetings, please tell all attending to bring lunch, drinks, and snacks.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: John S reported there is one uncontested position for Board President, 4 candidates for Board Member at Large vying for 2 positions, and 4 candidates running for 3 vacancies on the Nominating committee. It is anticipated there will be nominations from the floor.

MINISTER’S REPORT: Rev. Tom reported he is busy with pastoral care issues. He also reported that UU classes are going well.

1. MOTION: The Board will sanction an initiative comprised of 4-6 members to work on reconciliation and present a written report to the congregation at the annual meeting, not to exceed 10 minutes in length.

MOVED: Jurgen A

SECOND: Carolyn S

ACTION: Motion withdrawn.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Freed

UUFSMA Board Secretary

March 14, 2023