

Date: - March, 15 2017 Minutes UUFVB BOARD MEETING

Board Mission Statement:

**"To secure the spiritual and financial future of the Fellowship
by working together with the congregation."**

- 1 Opening words & chalice lighting...Rev Alexander and Paul Amaru
- 2 process observer and time keeper: Terry Domino
- 3 Attendance: Scott Alexander, Pete Kersey, Susan Schmitke, Larry Nalepa, Sue Burt, Terry domino, Paul Amaru...by phone: Rod Baker, John Maher

- 4 Visitors...Bill Ames, Finance Committee
- 5 Approve minutes of February Board meeting

- 6 Consent agenda...none

- 7 Finance committee report—Bill Ames...representing finance...Fund 3, Bridges Net surplus for this year approx \$9500-\$11000. Fund 4 \$50,500
Motion to approve budget 3 and 4 made by Sue Burt, seconded by Terry Domino...Approved
Budget 1...Ministries..Income of \$381,446.91 including \$350,000 in pledges . Fund 2...facilities...expenses \$220,515
Motion to approve budgets 1 and 2...moved by Terry domino, second by Susan Schmitke.unanimous approval
Treasurer report...Rod Baker...cash position is positive...estimated deficit on June 30, \$35,000
- 8 Minister report...
 - a. Everything is on track for his cross country bike ride for charity
 - b. meeting on deportation issues with Fellsmere Hispanic community, Discussion on creating a Sanctuary congregation to assist undocumented workers. Should we bring to congregation after annual meeting? Lots of issues to resolve. What battle do we fight? Do we battle with the health care situation? Put these issues on next month's agenda
 - c. discussion on summit meeting

- 9 Board committee reports
 - Budget...approved
 - Bridges –received report
 - Endowment- voted to have John Wheeler on the Endowment Committee. Dana Shaw resigned forthwith. Dick Haight will take over the last meeting in April. Legacy Sunday in April **Motion to nominate John Wheeler to endowment moved by John Maher, seconded by Susan Schmitke. Approved.** Board will send a letter of regret to Dana Shaw for his resignation and thanks for his work on the committee. In December Endowment will sponsor a trip to Bok Tower for the Legacy committee.
 - Facilities Council – received report
 - Human Resources –
 - Leadership –

- 10 Old Business...Appointment of Tom Tierney to Board to begin July 1st. to the one year unexpired term replacing Amy Gallo

B. Board goals

1. Involvement, education, Transparency—Pete Kersey, Larry Nalepa
 - a. Board member on duty to be “front door greeter”
 - b. Education: Discussion on annual retreat...April 15th, 9:30 to 12 noon
2. Keep the question foremost: Who are we as a religious congregation?
Terry Domino: will discuss questionnaire/survey to take place next season following September discussion with youth to conduct the survey
3. Ideas/expansion--WQCS adv.plan--Paul Amaru discussed...radio commercial, print ads, mail order, social media...Board decided to proceed in late fall or early next year. Funding to be determined later.
4. Membership outreach—Sue Burt...task force members are Charlene fisher, Margie and John Wheeler, John Maher, Suzy Bromwell, Cate Wenzig, Scott Alexander. (See Action plan attached.)

C. Stewardship---John Maher...the campaign continues....200,000+ received to date. President Kersey to make comments from the pulpit on Sunday, the 19th, urging increased participation in the pledges

- 11 New Business –

Secretary to send letter to congregation to inform them of the annual meeting on April 9th.

John Maher third term...require motion of the board to request this of the congregation. **Motion made by Paul Amaru to ask congregation to waive the rule regarding serving on the Board only for two terms, and elect John Maher to a third term. Second by Terry Domino... approved.**

Paul Amaru presented an idea that a “bar chart” showing the range of pledging, e.g. how many pledges in the \$100-200 range; how many from \$201-350 range, and so on. Print the “bar chart” on a “power point” and show to the congregation. Also, the chart could be printed on card stock and made available to the congregation. Paul will look into getting this done.

- 12 Reminders: “Town Hall” meeting on budget, Apr. 2nd. Next Exe meeting April 3rd, 11 a.m. Annual meeting, April 9th, 11:30, next BoT meeting, April 19th, 4pm

13 Process observer...well run meeting...pertinent questions asked...board worked harmoniously...work of the Congregation was advanced.

14 Adjourn...5: 45 pm.

Submitted,
Paul Amaru, secretary

Welcoming and Engaging our UU Guests

Task Force Committee members: Charlene Fisher, Margie and John Wheeler, John Maher, Suzy Bromwell, Cate Wenzig, Scott Alexander

DRAFT MISSION:

Create a more aggressive path to engage current and potential future Friends and Guests of the church, which includes supporting their early church visits and introducing them to the Congregation and its activities.

INITIAL ACTION PLAN:

1. Select from existing membership 12-15 "Ambassadors"
2. Put in place a system for matching Ambassadors for follow-up with new visitors.
3. Develop means for engaging congregation at large to enhance their reach out to visitors and interested friends.
4. Enhance website with photos and statements of individuals and couples reflecting a welcoming atmosphere for all diverse groups