

UUFVB Board of Trustees Minutes September 20, 2018

Call to Order: at 4:00 PM by Board President Cate Wenzing. The chalice was lit and Kathy Cossa gave the **Opening Words** inspired by the John Wesley quote “Do all the good you can do...”

Members Present: Pres. Cate Wenzing, Paul Amaru, Sec. Suzy Bromwell, Sue Burt, Treas. Rebecca Hornbuckle, Tom Tierney, Rev. Scott Alexander (ex officio), and by phone Kathy Cossa, Terry Domino, and VP John Maher. **Guests Present,** Steve Becker (Emerson Center), Ginger Heller (Bridges ELC) and Barbara Lipton.

Process Observer: Rebecca Hornbuckle volunteered.

Consent Agenda: A **motion** made by Paul and seconded by Sue, was approved, the only item on the Consent Agenda being the Minutes from August 9, 2018.

Update on the Child Care Food Program (CCFP) for Bridges: Ginger Heller, Bridges Committee Chair, gave a detailed report and answered questions. A food service manager/cook has been hired. Her start date is September 17th. Between then and October 1st, the program start date, she will receive training for certification, organize the kitchen and order food, etc. Ginger’s report is attached. Treas. Rebecca Hornbuckle will open a separate account at Marine Bank for the CCFP. After a lengthy discussion, a **Motion** was made by Rebecca and seconded by Tom “that the UUFVB Board supports the CCFP, with close financial monitoring and improved communications between Bridges and the Board.” The motion passed unanimously.

Emerson Center Update: Steve Becker, new Emerson Center Executive Director, highlighted plans for upcoming season, including ushers and parking, thanked volunteers and expressed appreciation to Amy Gallo for her efforts in building the EC into what it is today.

Treasurer’s Report: Rebecca reviewed and answered questions about the combined July and August Profit and Loss Statement and the Fiscal Year End 2017-18 Report. Suzy explained that the income for Bridges subsidized tuition will be adjusted and a reimbursement made after the State’s new accounting system is up and running.

Minister’s Report: Rev. Alexander gave an update on the Affiliate Ministers program. With the exception of Lee Page who didn’t respond, all ministers who are members of the Fellowship accepted. Rev. James Gleaves will have emeritus status. A ceremony to recognize our Affiliate Ministers will be held in January 2019.

Scott reported on individuals and couples he plans to contact about chairing the Stewardship Campaign. He expressed confidence that the general framework for the campaign and annual kick-off dinner are in place and stated that The Source has a catering program that could be used for the dinner or other social events.

Scott reviewed a draft proposal to the Rabbi and Board Chairman of Temple Beth Shalom about sharing the UUFVB campus. A **Motion** was made by Sue and seconded by Tom “for Scott to move forward to present the proposal to begin conversations about the possibility of a shared campus with Temple Beth Shalom.” The motion passed. Scott also mentioned that a small Hispanic Pentecostal congregation is currently renting space from UUFVB on Sunday evenings.

Board Committee Reports were emailed to Cate. In the future Suzy will forward them to Board members.

1. Facilities: report details need for updating AV equipment
2. Endowment: will meet in the fall
3. Ministries:
4. Bridges: report was received
5. Finance: minutes were emailed

Old Business:

1. A Social Activities Coordinator is needed to organize potluck dinners and help Kelly Stephens with Family Nights. Sue and Scott volunteered to find a person or small team of volunteers to fill this position.
2. At this time Katrina Bradshaw-Pascale is not interested in becoming a Notary but might in the future.
3. **Motion:** Paul moved and Tom seconded a motion “to approve the Memorial Garden Policy as revised.” The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Process Observer’s Report: Rebecca reported that the process was “just fine and respectful.”

Meeting Adjourned: at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzy Bromwell, Secretary

Reminders:

1. October Executive Committee Meeting--Tuesday, Oct. 9th, 3:30 PM
2. October Board Meeting—Thursday, Oct. 18th, 4:00 PM
3. October Opening Words—Paul Amaru