

**UUFVB Board of Trustees Minutes
March 21, 2019**

Call to Order: at 4:30 PM by Board Vice President John Maher. The chalice was lit and Terry Domino gave the **Opening Words**.

Members Present: Paul Amaru, Sec. Suzy Bromwell, Kathy Cossa, Terry Domino, Treas. Rebecca Hornbuckle, VP John Maher, Rev. Scott Alexander (ex officio). **Absent:** Coco Burt, Tom Tierney, Cate Wenzing. **Guest Present:** Steve Becker.

Process Observer: Kathy Cossa volunteered.

Consent Agenda: A **motion** made by John and seconded by Kathy to approve the Consent Agenda, with two minor corrections, was passed. The only Consent Agenda item being the minutes of the Board's February 17, 2019 meeting.

Guest Request: Steve Becker, Chair of the Emerson Center, gave an update on events for the 2018-19 season. Vero Beach restricts the Emerson Center (EC) to 18 events per year with more than 150 attendees. He discussed the EC's working relationship with Music Works and the Florida Humanities series. Steve has been in contact with TED Talks to host lectures at the EC. Typically about 100 people attend TED Talks.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Rebecca presented the Profit and Loss Statement by Class for July 2018 through February 2019. It included income and expenses for Ministry, Endowment, Bridges, Emerson Center Fair Trade and the Child Care Food Program. It shows \$42,624 net income.
2. She stated our finances are better this year than last and the credit line is zero.
3. **A Motion** was made by Suzy and seconded by Terry to approve the presentation of the 2019-2020 Budget to the congregation for vote at the Annual Meeting. The motion passed.

Minister's Report:

1. Rev. Alexander reported that all is well with the staff. He and the congregation are very pleased with the growth of the children's program under Kelly Stephens. There were over 100 attendees at the multigenerational picnic at the Hornbuckle's Ranch.
2. He also mentioned favorable comments about the music program under the leadership of Paula Herger and Elizabeth Borne.
3. Scott spoke about how well the Affiliate Minister Program is functioning. Leo Hourihan and John Brock have visited ill members in their homes and Leo made visits with a newly widowed member.
4. He also gave an update on the website. Joe Hardy and Bonnie Shelton will post current events and update content monthly.

President's Report: None

Old Business:

1. John reported The Stewardship Campaign has commitments of 127 pledge units, totaling \$282,231.
2. Scott reported the Security Team has scheduled Active Shooter Training with a community officer from the IRC Sheriff's Office. Gerry Roseberry and Steve Oseicki plan to look into security cameras for the facility.
3. John presented UUFVB's new policy concerning companion dogs in the building. A **Motion** made by Terry and seconded by Paul was adopted. The policy will be published in the newsletter.

New Business:

1. UUFVB has a policy in place that covers the employment of members. It will be shared with the Board.
2. Suzy and Pete Kersey volunteered to revise Board Policies to eliminate two standing committees, Leadership Development and Long Range Planning. Their functions will be performed by members of appointed Task Forces. To inform members and give them an opportunity to express their views, Suzy will write an article for the Congressional Record and Pete will begin the 30-day vetting process in the Ministries Council. After the vetting process, Suzy will report results to the Board.

Board Committee Reports: Reports from all committees were forwarded to Board members. The Endowment Fund Committee reported their recommendations for the anticipated \$100,000 grant from Shelter Rock—establish a \$25,000 reserve for emergencies, use \$50,000 for mortgage pay-down and keep \$25,000 in the Endowment Fund.

Process Observer's Report: Kathy reported it was a “fabulous” meeting and we stayed on time.

Meeting Adjourned: at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzy Bromwell, Secretary