

**UUFVB Board of Trustees Minutes**  
**June 13, 2019**

**Call to Order:** at 4:30 PM by Board President Cate Wenzing. The chalice was lit and Cate gave the **Opening Words**.

**Members Present:** Paul Amaru, Sec. Suzy Bromwell, Kathy Cossa, Pres. Cate Wenzing, Rev. Scott Alexander (ex officio), and by phone Coco Burt, Terry Domino. **Absent Excused:** Treas. Rebecca Hornbuckle, VP John Maher and Tom Tierney. **Guests Present:** Woody Sutton, AL Parmentier, Jan Mathrani and Steve Becker.

**Process Observer:** Kathy Cossa volunteered.

**Consent Agenda:** A **motion** to approve the minutes of the Board's April 18th meeting was approved.

**Member Request:** On behalf of the Facilities Council, Al Parmentier explained:

1. The use and abuse of our building by the staging company employed by Christ Fellowship Church (CFC). Of note, were irreparable carpet burns near the Fair Trade Corner, numerous doors with chipped veneer, a broken mid-support for a pew, numerous scrape marks on the hallways and noise that can be heard from a block away.
2. Currently, our Sexton's work is increased approximately 8 hours a week, and Al's responsibilities to prepare the sanctuary and replace our equipment before and after use by CFC are doubled.
3. CFC wishes to increase their rental contract from one to two Sunday evenings a month. Al, Kathy Cossa and Suzy Bromwell will meet with our Administrator Katrina Bradshaw-Pascale to discuss the problems and the possibility of adding a security deposit to the contract.

**Member Request:** Woody Sutton, the incoming Chair of the Finance Committee, asked that he be added to the Board email list.

**Guest Presentation:** Steve Becker, Director of the Emerson Center (EC):

1. Informed the Board that the State Legislature has terminated its support for the Florida Humanities Speakers Series. The EC Committee wishes to create "Humanities at the Emerson" with five speakers. He stated the break-even cost would be \$1,000 per event. He believes Marine Bank will continue supporting the EC with a yearly \$3,500 contribution.
2. A discussion followed about Laura Matson's contract to serve as Marketing Consultant for the EC and to produce material for the 2019-20 EC program. The deadline with Indian River Magazine for submitting program content is August 1, 2019. The Board confirmed its support for Laura's work.
3. In addition to the locally organized humanities lectures, the EC has contracted with Music Works for twelve performances and the Space Coast Symphony will perform twice. The Celtic Angels and Fort Pierce Jazz will each perform once. Steve is also working to bring four TED Talks to the EC.

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. In Rebecca's absence, she emailed her reports to Board members. The UUFVB Profit & Loss by Class, July 2018-May 2019 was received.
2. The P&L for Ministry, Actual v Budget, July 2018-May 2019, shows a net ordinary income for all funds of \$52,380.

**Minister's Report:**

1. Rev. Alexander reported that he, Cate and Laura Matson will represent UUFVB at General Assembly. No members accepted the invitation to participate remotely.
2. He reported that our Associate Ministers will deliver sermons when he is away this summer and music is planned for all services.
3. An "Indoor Picnic" planned by Kelly Stevens, Director of Youth & Family, will be held after service on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers were asked to contact Kelly.
4. Scott also reported that two lots and a house adjacent to the SE corner of UUFVB property are for sale.
5. Earle Kirkbride asked whether a UU bus could be available to drive members who live in Vero Isles to Sunday services.

**President's Report:**

1. Cate announced that Kathy Cossa has agreed to serve as Vice President for 2019-20.

**Old Business:**

1. Cate included an update on the Board Retreat in her May Congressional Record article. The goals are attached.

**New Business:**

1. A review of Board Policies relating to employing members will be held the first week of September at the Human Resources Committee meeting. Coco, Scott, Paul and Katrina plan to attend.

**Board Committee Reports:**

1. Because of the change from our normal meeting date, only reports from the Bridges Committee and the Emerson Center were received. They were forwarded to Board members.
2. Proceeds from Art at the Emerson Center will benefit Bridges Early Learning Center. The event will be held Saturday, June 22. Volunteers are asked to contact Patty Walker.
3. Ministries Council and Endowment Fund Committees will not meet in June and July
4. The Finance Committee's next meeting will be held in August.

**Process Observer's Report:** Kathy reported that the meeting went as "well as expected, with little friction," and she "appreciated everyone being forthright."

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzy Bromwell, Secretary