

UUFVB Board of Trustees Minutes
February 20, 2020

Call to Order: at 4:30 PM by Board President Cate Wenzing. The chalice was lit, and Jonnie Mae Perry gave the **Opening Words**, from Rev. Crystal Bujol's new book, "Jessie Mae Chris(t)". All present **Checked In**.

Members Present: Pres. Cate Wenzing, VP Kathy Cossa, Sec. Suzy Bromwell, Treas. Rebecca Hornbuckle, Coco Burt, Barbara Dunst, Ken Klein, Jonnie Mae Perry, Tom Tierney, Rev. Scott Alexander (ex officio). **Guests Present:** Dick Haight, Pete Kersey, Jack Stiefel, Irwin Sadetsky and Mary Ullmann.

Process Observer: Rebecca Hornbuckle volunteered.

Guest Presentation: Jack Stiefel and Irwin Sadetsky reviewed the history of the 2006 UUFVB Policy regarding the inclusion of the words "Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach" in advertising for Emerson Center events. Suzy made a **Motion**, seconded by Coco, to reaffirm the 2006 policy "that all Emerson Center advertisements include the words 'the Emerson Center is located on the campus of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach'" The motion passed unanimously. Rebecca assured the Board that "UUFVB" is in all contracts between MusicWorks and the Emerson Center.

Kathy made a **Motion**, seconded by Jonnie "to send a letter to the Emerson Center Committee, that any advertising relating to an event at the Center shall include the following "The Emerson Center is located on the campus of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach, located at 16th Street and 27th Avenue." The motion passed unanimously.

Member Request: Pete Kersey, Chair of the Ministries Council, presented the Climate Change Proclamation to the Board and requested Board approval for inclusion on the UUFVB 2020 Annual Meeting Agenda. According to UUFVB Bylaws, the proclamation was previously approved by the Social Justice Steering Committee and the Ministries Council. Rebecca made a **Motion**, seconded by Jonnie, "to approve the Climate Change Proclamation as presented on the UUFVB 2020 Annual Meeting Agenda." The motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Update: Dick Haight, Nominating Committee Chair, reviewed the proposed slate and discussed with the Board the qualifications and experience of candidates. There was discussion regarding accepting more candidates than positions, and all agreed that the committee must recommend only the number of qualified applicants as openings on the Board. It was reiterated that the responsibility of a nominating committee is to find the best candidates to recommend as Board members.

Consent Agenda: A **Motion** to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting as presented was approved. In addition, Tom made a **Motion**, seconded by Rebecca "to record the minutes of Board's Executive Session, held January 30th, with the January Board minutes." That motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Rebecca presented the January financial statements and reported that UUFVB's finances are in good shape.
2. Rebecca reported on her meeting with Patty Walker, incoming Emerson Center Executive Director, to clarify the Board of Trustees oversight of EC contracts and deposits, and the limitation of contracted events, with 150 attendees, to 18 annually. Rebecca will present the new policy statement, regarding oversight of EC contracts, at the March Board meeting.
3. In accordance with a 2019 Bylaws change, Woody Sutton, Finance Committee Chair, sent word, via the FC minutes, that the internal review of UUFVB's financial records is underway. Rod Baker and Ken Heller will perform the review.

Minister's Report:

1. Rev. Alexander reported that, due to serious health complications, Paula Herger resigned as Choir Director. A search committee for Paula's replacement has been organized. Serving with Scott are Carolyn Wehle, Sue Nalepa, Violante Fioravanti, Bonnie Pendleton and Earle Beasley. Choir members expressed their preference that the new Choir director perform and direct music.
2. Coco and Scott reported that approximately 70 Stewardship Campaign pledges, totaling over \$160,000, have been received.

President's Report: None**Old Business:**

1. Tom reported on negotiations between the Emerson Center/UUFVB and Walsh & Palmer, producers of the Celtic Angels, on the dispute. Walsh & Palmer settled for the disputed amount of \$5,839.60 and waived their filing fees and legal expenses.
2. Tom also reported that the UUFVB/EC contract with MusicWorks, signed by Steve Becker, for purchase of audio equipment. It will run through the 2023 season, rather than 2022 as per the original contract.

New Business:

1. A Finance Town Hall, to explain the FY 20-21 Budget will be held Sunday, April 5th.
2. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19th. Items for the Annual Meeting booklet must be submitted by March 20th, to allow time to send and receive absentee ballots.

Board Committee Reports: Reports from Bridges, Emerson, Facilities and Finance were emailed to Board members. Rebecca is working on the Bridges budget with Ex. Dir. Brenda Neely. The Board accepted Patty Walker' appointment as EC Ex. Dir., effective April 7th. Scott reported on Facilities news: an angel's gift of a new boardroom table and plans for replacing carpet and tile. The Finance Committee hopes to increase our support for UUA in the FY 2021 Budget.

Process Observer's Report: Rebecca reported she was "uncomfortable with the level of emotion" but that much was accomplished.

Meeting Adjourned: at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Suzy Bromwell, Secretary