

UUFVB Board of Trustees Minutes
June 18, 2020

Call to Order: at 4:30 PM by Board President Cate Wenzing. The meeting was held via Zoom. The chalice was lit and everyone present **Checked In**.

Members Present: Pres. Cate Wenzing, VP Kathy Cossa, Sec. Suzy Bromwell, Treas. Rebecca Hornbuckle, Coco Burt, Barbara Dunst, Jonnie Mae Perry, Tom Tierney and Rev. Scott Alexander, ex officio. **Member Absent Excused:** Ken Klein. **Guests Present:** Woody Sutton, Patty Walker, Emerson Center Director, and Kelly Stephens, Director of Family & Youth Programs.

Emerson Center Presentation: Patty Walker gave an update on potential MusicWorks programs and the possibility of hosting events for the Vero Beach Wine and Film Festival. Due to concerns about Covid-19 and safety requirements, Tom Tierney recommended that Patty research Covid-19 waivers and require attendees sign releases of liability. By consensus, Board members agreed that Patty and Al Parmentier should negotiate with MusicWorks and the Vero Beach Wine and Film Festival to determine if their needs can be reconciled with the health and safety of volunteers and attendees.

UUFVB Website Update: Kelly Stephens reported she's working to give the Website a cleaner, fresh appearance. It will be more user-friendly, with more pictures and fewer tabs. Upgrades will cost approximately \$125.

Consent Agenda: The minutes of the Board's May 21st meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Rebecca highlighted the May financial statements, compiled by Elizabeth Borne, UUFVB Accountant. In spite of uncertain economic conditions, UUFVB's pledges and income from Bridges continue to be strong, with total net income to date of approximately \$447,000.
2. Rebecca reported \$77,192 of our \$123,000 Paycheck Protection Program loan has been used, and she expects the remainder should be disbursed by the end of June.
3. The Fellowship recently received an additional \$10,000 grant from the Small Business Administration. The grant will be used to purchase equipment for our "Live Streaming" project.
4. The remaining mortgage balance is \$201,384.

Minister's Report:

1. Rev. Alexander reported that all is well with the staff. He plans to be away for about three weeks, and Administrator Kim McIntyre and Kelly Stephens, Director of Family & Youth Programs, will follow through with plans for Sunday services.
2. Scott announced Memorial Services for Carl Rantz on July 19th and for Clarence Conover on July 25th.
3. Both Scott and Elizabeth Borne have questions about whether the Music Director, scheduled to begin September 1st, is a good fit for UUFVB. Elizabeth will work with him and report back in two weeks.

4. Much of the equipment needed to live stream Sunday services has been purchased. Five to eight volunteers, who will serve on a rotating basis, will be trained over the summer. Copyright questions need to be resolved about projecting words from hymns on screens during services. Music will continue with solos and duets.

Old Business:

1. Kathy Cossa reported on progress by the Short Term Strategic Planning Task Force. Areas of concern are (1) Finances, (2) Spiritual Needs of UUFVB Members and Friends, (3) Issues-Problems relating to Buildings and Grounds, (4) Communications, (5) Governance, and (6) How to Reopen in light of State and County Covid-19 Guidelines.
2. Three votes were held to certify the Annual Meeting Quorum. A **Motion** made by Suzy, seconded by Jonnie, passed to accept the total of 301 UUFVB members at the time of the Annual Meeting. One hundred twenty-nine absentee ballots were received, well over the one-third needed for a quorum. A **Motion** made by Suzy, seconded by Barbara, to accept the number of returned absentee ballots passed. A **Motion** made by Rebecca, seconded by Jonnie, to accept the results of the votes passed unanimously. Therefore, all Annual Meeting business items were passed and nominees elected.

New Business:

1. Tom Tierney detailed an agreement between Andrew Sorbo and UUFVB, for the Sorbo residence to be bequeathed to the Fellowship, with life estate rights to his partner Paul Grubbs, should he outlive Andrew. In that case, UUFVB would be responsible for homeowners insurance and repairs above \$1,000. The home is valued at approximately \$240,000 and has a mortgage of about \$90,000. With a **Motion** by Jonnie, seconded by Coco, the Board accepted Andrew Sorbo's generous gift.
2. In support of the Black Lives Matter movement, Rebecca is leading a project to display "Say His Name" signs around the UUFVB campus, in recognition of the men and women whose lives have been lost due to police brutality. In compliance with City ordinances, signs will be rotated along 16th Street and 27th Avenue and in the Memorial Garden.

Board Committee Reports: The Emerson Center, Endowment Fund, Facilities and Ministries Committees did not meet in the past month. The Bridges report was emailed to Board members. Woody Sutton highlighted information from the Finance Committee's June meeting.

1. Bridges attendance continues to increase. Of concern is three BELC members will resign effective June 30. A parent of a child who attends Bridges will be invited to join the committee.
2. Woody Sutton reported that UUFVB's finances continue to be sound.

Closing Remarks: Rebecca thanked Cate and Suzy for their service over the last two years. Suzy reminded Board Members of UUFVB's extraordinary progress from 2018 to 2020 and wished them well as they continue to lead through the challenges ahead.

Meeting Adjourned: at ??? PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzy Bromwell, Secretary