

UUFVB Board of Trustees Minutes September 17, 2020

Call to Order: at 4:35 PM by Board President Kathy Cossa. The meeting was held via Zoom. The chalice was lit and everyone present checked in.

Members Present: Pres. Kathy Cossa, V.P. Woody Sutton, Sec. Cate Wenzing, Treas. Rebecca Hornbuckle, Coco Burt, Barbara Dunst, Jonnie Mae Perry, Tom Tierney and Ken Klein, and Rev. Scott Alexander.

Consent Agenda: The minutes of the Board's August 17th meeting were amended to reflect new Bridges committee members Chuck Campbell and Rebecca Brack.

Treasurer's Report:

See statements attached. P&L of July and August were presented together due to end of fiscal year. Offerings and pledges are down. Increase of expenses due to virtual worship technology. Our mortgage balance will be 0 as of this week, freeing up Pree money to pay off CD obligations owed to members. There will be no Emerson events this fiscal year that we know of. All of these facts were taken into account and a revised budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year was presented. Rebecca Hornbuckle moved and Woody Sutton seconded the motion that the revised budget be accepted. All members of the Board voted aye.

Minister's report:

All staff is fine. There are issues with the livestream and recording which need to be resolved. Because of copyright issues we will probably have to stop broadcasting videos and choir singing. BAD NEWS_ Rev. Alexander will be retiring effective July 31, 2021.

President's Report: (See new business)

New Business:

1. Rebecca will chat with Kelly Stephens to see if she has time to post updates to facebook and other social media.
2. We will talk with Kelly Stephens about starting a new communication committee.
3. Kathy Cossa has talked to several people about becoming chair of social justice committee. No one at this point is able to take over. Coco Burt and Jonnie Mae Perry will work with Kathy on this. Coco suggested having a zoom meeting with the entire congregation to see who is interested and what social issues we should be working on.
4. Streaming project- see Minister's report
5. Rachel Hanks is working on the transitional meal project. They will be using our kitchen to make meals. All board members agreed that this is a good cause. We also agreed that the Dignity Food Truck which trains people for jobs could use our parking lot to sell food.

Board Committee Reports: The Emerson Center, Endowment Fund, did not meet in the past month. The Facilities, Finance reports were emailed to Board members. Bridges will be emailed this week.

Process Observer: Coco Burt said Kathy Cossa is doing a great job, taking on a huge responsibility considering how much stress the congregation is under right now.

Meeting Adjourned: at 5:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Cate Wenzing, Secretary