

UUFVB Board of Trustees Minutes

January 21, 2021

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, Ken Klein and Rev. Scott Alexander and Patty Walker guest.

Consent Agenda: The minutes of the Board's Dec. 17th meeting were approved.

Report on Emerson Center: Patty asked if we could hold an artists reception (the usual procedure for opening new artist exhibits at the Emerson) outside in Feb with wine and snacks served by volunteers. Woody moved to approve, Ken seconded and all approved. Music Works is postponing their concerts and asked if we could extend the contract for the cost of the speaker system to the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Coco moved to approve and Jonnie seconded. Barbara abstained and everyone else approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca reported that pledges are on track, but payroll is approx. \$5000 over budget. Bridges income is down \$33,000 with net income at a \$4300 loss. However they are still paying us \$7500/month towards rent expenses. See financial report for further details. Rebecca also stated that we should have thank you letters for gifts over \$1000, and she will take care of it.

Minister's report: 1) Scott suggested a change to our procedure manual for the Minister's Discretionary Fund: after the phrase Minister may ...use to respond confidentially to requests for assistance from members and others add "and for other purposes the minister deems appropriate." Rebecca moved to approve and Kathy seconded. All approved. Scott noted that there is a written documentation required of all funds used. 2) Scott requested to move \$2500 from the discretionary fund for expenses for the interim minister transition (e.g. moving). Rebecca moved and Coco seconded. All approved.

President's Report: We are working on getting a vaccine buddy system together to help those without computers sign up. We also need a Sunday Fund chair as Joe Calwell resigned last year. We all agreed this can wait until next year and we will just continue with our current fund recipients. Cate will reach out to Julianne Price regarding the merger of Every Dream has a Price with Coalition for Attainable Housing.

New Business: We will form a Bridges task force to talk about the future of Bridges. Our annual meeting will be held on April 18th. Finance Committee is working on the budget and Dick Haight is working on the slate of candidates for the Board.

Old Business: On Feb. 28th Sarah York will give a sermon about the transition process and the value of the Interim Minister. We have an August 1 start date for the new minister. Stewardship is on track with brochures ready to be printed and speakers lined up.

Board Committee Reports: The Facilities, Finance and Bridges Committee reports were emailed this week.

Process Observer: Woody stated things for the most part ran smoothly although we did start to run overtime but got back on track.

Meeting Adjourned: at 5:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Cate Wenzing, Board Secretary