

UUFVB Board of Trustees Agenda

Thursday May 19, 2022, 4:30 PM

*“To secure the spiritual and financial future of the Fellowship
by working together with the Congregation”*

Call to Order - 4:31 PM

Chalice Lighting & Opening Words: Woody

Members Check In: Kathy Cossa, Barbara Dunst, Rebecca Hornbuckle, Woody Sutton, Tom Tierney, Patty Walker, and Kaaren Anderson *ex officio*;

Members Not Attending: Jonny Mae Perry, Sue Burt, Ken Klein

Guests: Diane Osiecki – Board member elect and *substitute minute taker for Secretary Ken Klein*

Crystal Bujol – Board member elect

Appoint Process Observer: Patty

The Minutes of the April 21, 2022, were unanimously approved. (Sunday Fund schedule approved unanimously by email following the April meeting.)

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Rebecca reported that the budget is in good shape as shown in the distributed P/L. The unrestricted \$50,000 bequest plus the sale of Bridges ensure the FY22 budget year ends in the black. Pledge income is ahead of projections for the period ending April 30 although it is slowing down. Rebecca and the bookkeeper will follow up with approximately 25 members who are significantly behind on their pledges.

Next month's financial report will be adjusted by moving the \$50,000 bequest from category 9.115, Bequest Income, to an appropriate category in Operating Income.

The sale of Bridges closed May 2. The sale price was \$30,000. After legal expenses of \$12,000 the net income from the sale was \$18,000. Approximately \$80,000 in the Bridges operating account has been transferred to the UUFVB operating account. The long-term effect of the sale on the monthly UUFVB income is minimal; \$7,000 in rental income will replace \$7,000 previously charged to Bridges for overhead. UUFVB will continue to pay 100% of Bridges utilities; insurance and bookkeeping expenses will decrease. The Fair Trade Corner and Bridges will continue to share expense for the recycling bin.

Kathy recognized Rebecca's outstanding effort to successfully negotiate the sale.

Minister's Report

Rev Kaaren reported on several initiatives. She discussed a new pilot project for Social Justice that divides activities into task forces. It will be implemented in November and has Jack and Nancy Stiefel's support.

The membership committee is connecting with UUFVB members via phone to encourage attendance.

New, monthly staff meetings have had a happy result. Kristy is taking her first vacation in 11 years.

Demands for Pastoral Care at the UUFVB are different than at other UUs observed Rev Kaaren. Some members need care that resembles an ombudsman. One suggestion is to hire a Parish Nurse to be there for members who need assistance. Grant support may be available for this position. Covenant groups do a good job of taking care of their own groups. Rev Kaaren is going to contact Scott Alexander regarding an offer made several years ago when a member offered to fund a Parish Nurse for a limited time. Crystal Bujol pointed out that some members need help with end of life issues.

Audio quality in the Sanctuary during the Sunday Service requires attention. Audio speakers need to be adjusted for speaking clarity as well as for music. Rev Kaaren will remind congregants that headphones are available for use during services.

Future planning is in the works for:

- the Volunteer Fair this fall

- The FY24 Pledge Drive - It is possible for the Stewardship committee to influence the generosity of top givers. Stewardship needs to know what members pledge and this information must remain confidential.

President's Report

The FY23 Stewardship campaign is up to \$302K, 18-20 people who are expected to pledge have not done so. Rev Kaaren is contacting people who have not pledged.

An anonymous pledger indicated intention to give \$15,000 undesignated. It will go to Facilities or to balance the FY22 budget.

The Choir is handling coffee hour on the 5th Sunday in May.

Board Committee Reports

1. Bridges – There is \$1726 residual scholarship money. Yehsica asked for \$1800 to support 2 families. Rebecca moved to award scholarships rounded up to \$1800. Tom seconded. Motion carried.
2. Facilities – project list will be audited this summer.
3. Finance – will discuss/recommend how to budget for the \$15,000 anonymous pledge.
4. Emerson Center – 3 events left for this year.

Old Business:

1. Kaaren's Grid – not discussed
2. Lobby Banner – not discussed
3. Wally Freisen updated the UUFVB ad for the UU World, it will appear in the fall issue.
4. Religious Education Situation 101 – Rev Kaaren is continuing the survey of RE in Florida UUs.
5. UUFVB purchased an ad for the Gifford Cultural Center Keepsake Emancipation program on May 21. Rebecca will bring a table to the event plus UU materials to share. Diane will be at the table as well.

Other discussion

1. Nominations for the Search Committee remain open for two Sunday Services, May 22 & 29. The vote for the 9 members will be June 12 meeting. Kathy will write an informational piece for the June Congregational Record. 5th Sunday Coffee

Closing up: Process Observer's Remarks – thumbs up, agenda covered well, we behaved ourselves

Meeting Adjourned at 5:36

Reminders

1. **Opening Words: June - Ken**
2. **June Board Schedule:**
 - a. Ex. Committee - Tuesday June 7, 2022, 11.00 A.M. Woody Sutton excused
 - b. Board- Thursday June 16, 2022, 4:30 P.M. Barbara Dunst and Woody Sutton excused

Respectfully Submitted
Diane Osiecki
Substitute Secretary