

UUCF Board Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2017

Process Observer – Milo

Attending: *Board Members* - Paul Atelsek, Karen Wolf, Ashley Rothermel, Kristin Keen, Anthony Salvi, Peggy Hillman, Milo Valenzuela, Jeff Snyder, Mary Butler; *Ex Officio* - Rev. David Miller; *Staff* – Rich Sider; *Guests* - None

Call to Order/ Check-In

7:30 pm

Spiritual Opening/Chalice Lighting – Kristin

Consent Agenda

- Minutes of 7/11/17 Meeting – Adopted

Minister’s Report – David

- New Assistant Minister, Sarah Caine, has been announced. Hoping she will arrive the first week in September.
- General Assembly was extraordinary. Hoping to bring some of the knowledge and energy back to the UUCF community.
- Janet Cushing is the new Denominational Affairs chair.
- Met with the Lay ministers to discuss how they will work with the Asst. Minister.
- Marlo Nash has resigned as Lay Minister for Membership because of increasing work commitments.
- “Start-up of the new year” activities have begun.

Brief Review of the Board Covenant and Ground Rules with Full Board – Paul

Board members reviewed the draft rewording (*italicized* below) to the covenant that were suggested at the July 11 Board meeting. Mary Butler moved that the suggested rewording be adopted, Kristin Keen seconded. Voting result: Unanimously adopted.

Circulating Signup sheets and Quick Scheduling Review of Greeter Training, Orientation, Retreat, Board Auction Dinner schedule and roles

- Signup sheets for filling the roles of Process Observer and provider of the spiritual openings for Board meetings through December were distributed. The results are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Spiritual Opening</u>	<u>Process Observer</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Spiritual Opening</u>	<u>Process Observer</u>
Aug. 8	Anthony	Peggy	Oct. 17	Jeff	Karen
Sept. 5	Ashley	Kristin	Nov. 7	Karen	Peggy
Sept.9	David	Peggy	Nov. 21	Peggy	Jeff
Sept. 19	Peggy	Mary	Dec. 5	Karen	Anthony

Oct. 3 Milo Ashley Dec. 19 David Mary

- Greeter Training - New members were encouraged to complete the training as soon as possible.
- Orientation – New Board Orientation is scheduled for Sunday, July 30, 2:00 – 5:00 pm, OWL room in the Program Building
- Retreat – September 8 & 9, Pot luck dinner: location weather depending: Peggy’s (fair weather) or Anthony’s (inclement weather) home, Friday, September 8th, 7:00 pm. Retreat: Saturday, September 9th, Ashley’s office (to be confirmed), 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Lunch will be ordered from Panera.

The agenda for the Retreat will focus on visioning, fiduciary obligations and considering our “ends” for the future. It was suggested that a facilitator be used. David is going to investigate possibilities for having a talented outside facilitator preside.

In preparation for the retreat, Board members are encouraged to think about what open questions the Board might consider for the future of UUCF and send them to Paul in an email. A discussion was held about appropriate open questions. A possibility to consider was offered: Our current “ends” (Grow, Connect, Serve), were established several years ago. How might they be modified in light of current circumstances?

- Board Auction Dinner – Friday, September 29th, theme: Foods of the World. Board members should note the date. Particulars of coordinating the dinner will be forthcoming.

Selection of Board-Appointed Nominating Committee Member – Paul

Discussion was held. Motion was made by Mary Butler to appoint Carol Calvert, seconded by Karen Wolf. Results of voting: Carol was appointed unanimously.

Discussion of Inreach and Budget Outlook—Paul & Jeff

Discussion was held suggesting possible ways to increase effective inreach to the congregation regarding the church budget throughout the year. There was wide agreement this needs to be monitored and will be an ongoing discussion point throughout the year.

Board Observations

None, due to furlough and limited interaction with the congregation.

Process Observer Report – Milo

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next meeting: August 8, 2017, 7:30 pm. Library
Spiritual Opening: Anthony

Process Observer: Peggy

The mission of the UUCF Board of Directors is to create an evolving vision and strategy that challenges the congregation to live its mission by nurturing relationships of love, respect and trust.

Our Draft Covenant as Board Members (changes in red, for approval):

We agree to treat each other and our work together with respect by:

- Making meeting attendance a priority, coming prepared, and following through on our individual commitments
- Contributing to an environment where it is safe to express differences, *encouraging diversity of thought*
- Actively listening with an open mind and speaking honestly and constructively *while being aware of the “verbal space” we take up in the room*
- Seeking consensus on each decision and speaking with one voice after the decision is made
- Committing to our personal spiritual growth
- Encouraging each other to grow spiritually and to enhance and apply our individual skills and talents

We agree to honor our responsibility to the Congregation by:

- Recognizing the limits of our understanding by seeking new ideas, guidance and input from others inside and outside the Congregation
- Actively making our decision processes and decisions as accessible and transparent to the Congregation as possible, while recognizing that certain information we receive as Board Members must remain confidential

UUCF Theological Statement of Purpose
Practicing Love in Action; Trusting in a Larger Love

Our Vision/Mission/Ends
Grow, Connect, Serve

Grow – Transforming Ourselves: We grow as individuals and as a community through worship, service play and caring for one another, and thereby deepening our appreciation of the gifts of life and love.

- We gather in worship and in lifelong religious education and exploration to nourish our spirits, open ourselves to the holy and challenge each other to become our better selves.
- We grow in spirit and strength by working and advocating for social justice, spiritual practice and supporting each other through passages, grief and hardship.
- We celebrate our joys and grow through fun, fellowship and play.

Connect – Transforming Our Community: We connect to and care for our families, our congregation and our community.

- We live our values with love and compassion creating a diverse religious community united through fellowship and service.
- We give generously of our time, talent and resources in caring ministries with one another.
- We reach out to those who seek a spiritual home and connect them to a vibrant spiritual community, welcoming people of all ages, ethnicities, sexual orientations, political affiliations and abilities.
- We live our commitment to the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and to just and compassionate human relations, committing ourselves and our resources to help our neighbors and the community in which we live.

Serve – Transforming the World: We serve our world through our work and commitment.

- We champion civil, economic and environmental justice in our community and in the world.
- We, as grateful stewards, nurture and care for our human, financial, physical and natural resources, holding them in trust for ourselves and future generations.