

## **UUCF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Sep. 6, 2022**

**Call to Order:** 7 p.m., Sep. 6, 2022

**Presiding:** Susan Bennett

**Secretary:** Victoria Maldonado

**Attendees:** Susan Bennett, David Michael, Lydia Lewis, Rev. David A. Miller, David Addis, Stacy Casey, Victoria Maldonado, Kaye Cook, Megan Reynolds, Meredith Carr

**Spiritual Opening/Check-In:** Megan Reynolds

### **Consent Agenda**

- Aug. 16 meeting minutes
  - Megan Reynolds moved to accept the minutes as written; Stacy Casey seconded the motion with unanimous approval from the board.

### **Minister's Report:** Rev. David

- Tree fell and hit the Montessori shed, septic tank, and a second tree fell on some railing. Bill estimates the repairs will cost \$8-10k. He has filed a claim with Church Mutual.
- Welcome Forward: Ingathering picnic this coming Sun., Sep. 11. Many of our community friends and associates have accepted the invitation to join us.
- Work is continuing on the 10th anniversary of the Sandy Hook event on Dec. 14. The Brady Campaign is assembling the planning committee. There is the possibility of getting folks from Parkland and Uvalde to speak at the event. Cross-congregational youth choir to participate in events.
- Reduced UUCF staff meetings to twice a month and on off-weeks they will instead have lunch together.
- Need Sunday coverage for AV to backup Bill in case Bill is unable to come in. Scott with River Road to come in occasionally to help cover audio tech needs at Sunday services. Mary Lareau is training to be able to cover for Bill.
- Pastoral Care: A few upcoming surgeries and a handful of known COVID-19 cases among congregants.

### **Reflection and Visioning:** Lydia Lewis

- This was the board's first reflection and visioning session. We hope this time will offer us a deeper connection to work we do together as a board.
- Three-minute writing session: "What does it feel like when you are fulfilling the church ministry?" We discussed the answers as well as interpreted our answers into non-verbal gestures.
- Possible future board reflection time; the Coordinating Team's role in UUCF governance.

**Board Policy on the Endowment:** David Michael

- David Michael drafted a new endowment policy. The draft included work previously done by Mark McGee and feedback from the Financial Oversight Committee and past Endowment Fund Committee members.
- Board members asked questions, sought clarifications and discussed making further edits to the draft policy. Leading themes of discussion were application deadline(s), fund allocation amounts, ways of distributing the funds, fund rollover, reporting and the grant review process.
- The spirit of the endowment fund policy changes was to give the board the ability to nimbly oversee the endowment funds in a way that best serves the mission of the congregation.
- The policy was not finalized; a second draft will be created to reflect tonight's discussion.

**Process Observer:** David Michael

- We are able to be honest and engage together.

Next Meeting: Sep. 20, 7 p.m., via Zoom only

Spiritual Opening: Stacy Casey

Process Observer: Kaye Cook

Adjourned: 9:30 p.m.