

UUCF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Mar. 21, 2023

Call to Order: 7 p.m., Mar. 21, 2023

Presiding: Susan Bennett

Secretary: Victoria Maldonado

Attendees: Susan Bennett, Lydia Lewis, Stacy Casey, Victoria Maldonado, Kaye Cook, Megan Reynolds, Meredith Carr, David Addis, David Michael, Rev. Christin C. Green. **Left at 7:35:** Bill Braband

Chalice Lighting: Stacy Casey

Check-In

Spiritual Opening: Megan Reynolds

Sienna School Request: Bill Braband

- Erik Heyer, founder of Siena School is requesting a discount on rent for the next 2 years due to unanticipated costs of the traffic construction project.
- The board asked Bill to procure a written proposal that includes cost breakdown of the new traffic constructions project and clarification around how long Sienna School plans to stay a UUCF tenant.

Consent Agenda

- Mar. 7, 2023 Minutes
 - Meredith Carr moved to accept the minutes as written; Lydia Lewis seconded the motion with unanimous approval from the board.

Minister's Report: Rev. Christin

- Auction has already raised half of its goal with online bidding.
- Land Acknowledgment Service will be postponed.
- Jerry Poje has proposed UUCF supporting the Regional Fair Housing Plan.
- CT reviewing the budget. CT will be joining board meeting on Apr. 18.
- Pastoral Care: Josiah Weiss having surgery very soon.

Treasurer's Report: David Michael

- Mark Monson is the new Lay Member of the Financial Oversight Committee.
- Pleased with the Annual Giving Campaign process and testimonials. Positive feedback from congregants regarding our messaging. David Michael has prepared a communications video to honestly express the urgency of giving in this moment.
- For the Auction, David Michael has reached out to many of our community partners to attend. He also personally invited 75 people who had not purchased tickets.

- David Michael shared the latest financials.

Review Endowment Fund Requests: Stacy Casey

- Ian Hochberg submitted an Endowment Fund request to fund six social events for the 4th-6th graders consistent with current policies and practices of the UUCF Religious Exploration program. Ian requested \$720; the Endowment Fund board subgroup (David Michael, Kaye Cook and Stacy Casey) suggested raising to \$1,000.
- Lydia Lewis moved to approve the Endowment Fund grant submitted by Ian Hochberg, for \$1,000; Kaye Cook seconded with unanimous approval from the board.
- There was only one Endowment Fund request this March round.

Founders Award: Susan Bennett

- Discussed potential recipients for this year's Founders Award.

Board Observations

- David Addis requested an update on the internet service. The current arrangement with Cox service and T-Mobile hotspot has been working for the last 2 weeks. Bill expressed that he believes the internet problem is fixed.
- Peter Clark, Lay Minister of Property Stewardship, is working with Bill Braband to put together a list of property maintenance projects to help inform the Capital Campaign's fundraising goals.
- Quick debrief on the Article II events. Lower turnout but still very worthwhile to give congregants the opportunity to speak and listen to each other.
- Budget forum scheduled for Thu., May 25 and Wed., May 31, via Zoom.
- Emergent Strategy Team to join the Apr. 18 meeting.

Process Observer: Lydia Lewis

- Great discussion. Appreciate David Michael's hard work and passion.

Next Meeting: Apr. 4, 2023, 7 p.m., Library and via Zoom with option to meet at 6:30 p.m. for food and conversation.

Chalice Lighting: Lydia Lewis

Process Observer: Kaye Cook

Adjourned: 8:42 p.m.