

Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota
Board of Trustee Minutes
October 25, 2022

Board Members present in Lexow Wing: Bill Payton-President, Terri Holsinger-Secretary, Mary Lou Keller-VP, Terrie-Anne Bajorek, Yolanda Stevens, Nina Tortelli, Jim Raudabaugh, Carl Morrison, Heather Massa

Board Members Present via Zoom: Mike Brooks-Treasurer

Adjunct Member: Rev Jay Wolin, Director of Finance and Operations (DFO) Roberta Druif

Staff present: Catherine Bonner, Director of Religious Education

Guests present: Klaus Obermeit, Dale Anderson

Guests present via zoom: Gail Coppock, Sharron Howard

Welcome and Check-in: Bill Payton opened the meeting at 7 pm; Rev Jay gave reading and lit the chalice. Nina Tortelli offered a reading.

Approve September 20 Board Minutes – Bill Payton

Accept the minutes as submitted, all in favor with no changes.

Minister's Time, Rev Jay Wolin.

- Report link to [Oct Minister's Board Report and attachments](#).
- YouTube video recommended by Racial Justice team: [Link to YouTube Video UU Leadership Institute - Culture](#)
- Social Justice class-40 attended first
- Booth at Collard Greens and PRIDE Festival
- Installation-Sun, Jan 8th, 4:00 pm; Rick Sandler chairs the Installation committee made up of a few members from the Search Committee. The Installation is an intentional and formal covenant between congregation and settled minister.
- Meeting with LWR this week and presented message last Sunday.

DFO / Treasurer's Report, Mike Brooks/Robert Druif

- October financial report: Roberta, Hurricane Ian, UUCS very lucky, about \$10,000 (tree damage). Have 95% of our budgeted goal in pledge commitments, about 5-6 new members/month. Doing nicely for the year, on target.
- Workshop-Building a Culture of Inclusion: Paula Cole Jones.
 - **Motion:** The Finance Committee recommended to the Board that up to \$3,500 in total (workshop fee and all travel expenses) be made available for a February speaking engagement by Paula Cole Jones. Moved: Bill Payton, 2nd Carl Morrison, one abstention. The motion carried.
 - Embracing our Differences, fundraiser Nov 13.
- \$1,559 collected for Education Foundation of Sarasota County's Hurricane Relief Fund at October 9 Sunday service.
- Dee Widder to continue, expand responsibilities to someone with technology skills
- Katherine Isabelle, resigning her custodial position as of Dec 30. Will start advertising for candidates sometime in November.

Racial Justice Project—Racial Justice Committee: Nina, Sharron, Dale, Becky van der Bogert, David Provost, Rev Jay, Catherine Bonner and Heather Massa shared DEI initiative documents ‘Opportunities for Adult Learning’ with monthly classes/opportunities through Spring 2023.

Remembrance Project—Bill Payton/Rev Jay Wolin

- Bill Payton made a **motion** that UUCS agrees to become the site for the Remembrance Project memorial plaque, 2nd Yolanda Stevens. Discussion followed. Staff and Safety Committee in favor of this project and want to add cameras. The motion carried, none opposed.

Miscellaneous—Bill Payton

- **Board Goals-3 committees submit written reports to the board on status within 2 weeks.**
 - **#1 – Technology**—Jim Redifer-Chair, Roberta, Terri, Terrie-Anne, Klaus, Doug Caldwell, Catherine and Heather; received a grant that covered new computers and site inspection. Jim mapped the campus. Roberta wrote a grant applying for 2 virtual/hybrid meeting systems.
 - **#2 – Music**--Mary Lou, Mike and Yolanda, 2 good meetings, Robert Lischetti is working very hard to adjust music with the choir. Working to rebuild the choir.
 - **#3 – Diversity**--Nina-Chair, Bill, Carl, Jim and Terrie-Anne, Catherine Bonner
- **Leadership Challenge**, Mary Lou Keller, meeting on Nov 5 with all chairs.
- **Masking** – encouraged but not required now. Covid level must be in place for 2 weeks before we change the protocol.
- **Suggestion Box** discussion, physical and/or electronic
- **Breeze** looking at alternative Realm
- **Social Media Team**

Next board meeting 7:00 Nov 15, executive meeting via Zoom on Nov. 3 at 11 am.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Terri Holsinger, Board Secretary