

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota**  
**Board of Trustee Minutes**  
**April 19, 2022**

**Board Members present via Zoom:** Bill Payton-President, Terri Holsinger-Secretary, Mike Brooks-Treasurer, Mary Lou Keller-VP, Terrie-Anne Bajorek, Yolanda Stevens, Carl Morrison, Nina Tortelli, Heather Massa, Jim Raudabaugh

**Board members Absent:** none

**Staff present via Zoom:** Reverend Doug Wadkins, Director of Finance and Operations (DFO) Roberta Druif; Director of Religious Education Catherine Bonner

**Also present via Zoom:** Bob Kester, Rick Sandler

**Welcome and Check-in:** Bill Payton opened the meeting at 7 pm with opening reading, *Fitted for This Day* by Kimberly Johnson.

**Approve March 15 Board Minutes**

Nina Tortelli **motion** to approve, Mike Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**Consent Agenda**

**Minister's Report,** Rev Doug Wadkins. How to make best use of candidate week. Encouraged all to think about possibilities, how to grow together, change with the world and the church. Have trust in the ministry and the search committee.

**DFO / Treasurer's Report,** Roberta Druif, Mike Brooks.

- April financial report, we have received 23% of pledge payments in our first month of FY. Ended the year March 31 with \$10,600 surplus to be added to contingency/emergency fund. Came from endowment income, rentals and pledges, Sunday collections.

- Stewardship campaign-85% of dollar goal received in pledge commitments; \$73,000 to raise. Anonymous \$10,000 donation to match funds. 77% have pledged.

**Auction Report**-Terri Holsinger. \$25,000 winning bids and ticket sales plus donation. Donations to Ukraine Relief Fund-\$4,665.

**Candidate Week Update: Bill Payton**, discussed that we had to be in person at the UU campus to vote for candidates. Cannot dismiss the bylaws to change to absentee voting. This is a project for 2023. Table set up at 10:00 for check in. Nina, Terri H and Mike to help Dee hand out vote materials and check off members on list. Bill, Yolanda and Terrie-Anne will be vote counters in the library. Announcement following at coffee hour.

**Rick Sandler**-last candidate week was 11 years ago. Jay and Jan Wolin fly in Friday, April 22. Saturday 4/23 evening social is first chance to meet at Bob Mayer and Jody Beresford home. Tues, April 26, 10 am for board to meet Jay to hear his vision and chance for questions in the Lexow Wing. Jay will give 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday sermon on April 24, then vote on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, May 1 after Jay gives his sermon. No open mic in sanctuary, no discussion or dialogue.

**#3 Safety Committee: Bob Kester**. Sarasota and Manatee low in transmission. 61 cases per 100,000 in Sarasota, 47 cases/100,000 in Manatee County. 3.5 per 100,000 in one week hospitalization. Today's hospital results at Sarasota, 18 covid patients, 1 in ICU; 70% unvaccinated. All local cultural venues on website: 50/50 were continuing with mask requirement or masks recommended. Yahoo News says 80% of cases are BA2 in southeastern US. Fatality rate has declined. Fauci says BA2 should not fuel a spike in hospitalization or death but easier to transmit. FL has had almost 74,000 deaths since the beginning. We've gone from 17,000 hospitalizations during Delta to 900 with this newest wave. Opinion of safety committee, stay with mask mandate in sanctuary.

**New Member Board Orientation**-Wed 2:30-5:15, Bill Payton, Zoom

**Board Retreat**-Bill Payton, Tues, May 24, Doug will lead retreat. Hope to work in a zoom session.

**Board self-assessment:** Nina Tortelli. Reword assessment and look at the future. Frame our behaviors and attitudes, accountability to process. 7 points to review.

1. Our Board has the right skillsets to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals this year?
2. The Board works opening and respectfully, welcoming diverse perspectives.
3. Board members are willing to 'say what must be said' in our work as trustees of UUCS
4. The Board was willing to stretch into the 'discomfort of the unknown' to further the mission of UUCS
5. Board members treat each other with trust, love and openness permitting individual and collective growth.
6. I have a sense of personal accomplishment as a member of the Board.
7. I feel appreciated as a member of the Board.

**New Business:** none

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by Terri Holsinger, Board Secretary