

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota
Board of Trustee Minutes
February 21, 2023**

Board Members present in Lexow Wing: Bill Payton-President, Mike Brooks-Treasurer, Terri Holsinger-Secretary, Nina Tortelli, Jim Raudabaugh, Carl Morrison, Terrie-Anne Bajorek

Board Members Present via Zoom: Heather Massa, Yolanda Stevens, Mary Lou Keller-VP

Board Member Absent:

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

Others present: In room, Catherine Bonner, Director of Religious Education, Klaus Obermeit, Doug Caldwell, Jim Redifer, Pat Allen, Sharron Howard

Others present via Zoom:

Welcome: Bill opened the meeting at 7 pm; Rev Jay lit the chalice.

Approve January 18 Board Minutes – Bill

Accepted the minutes as written

Minister’s Time, Rev Jay Wolin

- Minister’s report, link to the Google Drive with the current Ministers Report and attachments
- Should we be at 2 services? Discussion followed. Consider starting with annual meeting, to go to 1 service

Technology Report—Jim Redifer, Klaus, Doug Caldwell

- Discuss Sound System Upgrade; 5 new handheld microphones; need new loudspeakers in front of the room (must emphasize voice intelligibility and eliminate dead zones); need upgrade in lighting system that lights the speakers in front of the projection screen without washing out the screen. Next steps: finalize pricing, visit other facilities, investigate lighting, board appropriate fund.
- Motion made by Terri Holsinger to approve \$15,000 for sound system from FY22 unspent funds, Carl Morrison 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Advocacy—Discussion about who can speak in the name of the church, Pat Allen; suggested that minister and board president should be enough to approve a speaker; if topic is controversial, may be brought to full board.

- Motion made by Nina Tortelli that issues of advocacy go before minister and president of board for discernment, 2nd Bill Payton; motion passed.

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

- Financial Statements, Roberta requested an extra board and finance meeting on March 6; we are behind in our pledge goals compared to last FY. See Financial Report.
- 2023/24 Budget Discussion
- Salary Guidelines
- Stewardship

WDWCO (what do we call ourselves)-Name Change—Bill

- 263 responses; will bring the 2 highest weighted options to congregation to vote: 1. Change to Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Sarasota 2. No 'C' word, University Universalists of Sarasota

Nominating Committee Report – Angela Carrubba, received by email

- Board of Trustees
- Nominating Committee

Safety and Security—Discussion, Roberta Druif, committee struggling on next steps. How do we minimize effects of an attack? Discernment at town hall meeting. Suggest the Forum research and present. Terri asked to bring up at Forum meeting.

Remembrance Project-status—Roberta Druif, funding provided from donor for landscaping and security

Bylaws—Mike Brooks

- Motion: Terri Holsinger moved that we accept the Membership Committee changes to Section 4 and 5 as presented, 2nd Nina Tortelli; motion is accepted
- Motion: Nina Tortelli moved that we accept the bylaws as updated, 2nd Terrie-Ann Bajorek

Town Hall Meeting—Bill Payton

- March 12—Rev Wolin, Bill Payton, Roberta Druif

New/other business— 8th principle. Nina suggested that it be on the agenda for the annual meeting, but others were concerned that it was too much, too soon. Rev Wolin would like to offer some sessions, and perhaps, a sermon on the subject. Consider bringing it before a special congregational meeting in the fall.

March Meetings

- Board of Trustees meeting to approve budget via Zoom, Mon, March 6, 5:00 pm
- Exec Comm – Zoom, 11:00 am, Thurs, March 9th-may be moved
- BOT meeting – Lexow Room, 7:00 pm, Tues, March 21st
- Finance Comm – Zoom, 4:00 pm, Thurs, March 16th

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Submitted by Terri Holsinger, Board Secretary