

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota**  
**Board of Trustee Minutes**  
**January 18, 2023**

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

**Board Members Present via Zoom:**

**Board Member Absent** Bill Payton-President

**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 & Sandy Caldwell

**Welcome and Check-in:** Mary Lou opened the meeting at 7 pm; Rev Jay lit the chalice.

**Approve November 15 Board Minutes –** Mary Lou Keller

Accepted the minutes as written. Nina moved, Jim Raudabaugh 2nd.

**Minister's Time,** Rev Jay Wolin

- Minister's report, [link to the Google Drive](#) with the current Ministers Report and attachments
- Alternative worship, think strategically for diversity; the number of solstice attendees tells us there is interest in a different type of worship.

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

- Financial Statements: Mike, Finance Committee has 7 members, added Joan Bennett, Jim Craig resigned. Unspent year end funds, \$34,000 with today's knowledge not including auction income. Employee retention funds will be received.
- Present budget to BOD in February
- Very possibly a 20% increase in our budget with Catherine and Communications Coord, inflation costs of salaries, green team active, music program, PR/Marketing, asst minister possibly in Sept 2023. Strong growth, pledge campaign kickoff Feb 19<sup>th</sup>.
- March 26 annual meeting present annual budget for vote
- 2 OWL Cameras arrived, Lexow and Reeb rooms; there will be training.

**The Sunday Welcome—**Mary Lou

- Rotation of BOT members/committee chairs extending the welcome; sign up sheet passed; could include making announcements
- Bylaws, Mike Brooks; out of date, Jay, Bill & Mike met, made non-policy changes; Roberta suggested 3 updates.

**Board Goals-Update/Progress**

- **#1 – Technology/Social Media—**Jim Redifer-Chair, Roberta, Terri, Terrie-Anne, Klaus, Doug Caldwell, Catherine Bonner and Heather Massa; training for Realm-Catherine; OWL/Laptop/Netgear/Lights/Sound improvements-February BOD meeting; outdoor camera; show appreciation to Jim Redifer; social media posts go to Catherine.

- **#2 – Diversity**—Nina Tortelli-Chair, Bill Payton, Carl Morrison, Jim Raudabaugh, Terrie-Anne Bajorek, Catherine Bonner. Nina-Paula Jones Cole workshop, Widening the Welcome, Building a Culture of Diversity.
- **#3 – Music**—Yolanda Stevens-Chair, Mary Lou Keller, Mike Brooks. Jim Scott, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>; UU troubador, new musicians

#### **Other Topics**

- Catherine-survey, good response

#### **February Meetings**

- BOT meeting – Lexow Room, 7:00 pm, Feb 21st
- Exec Comm – Zoom, 11:00 am, Feb 9th
- Finance Comm – Zoom, 4:00 pm, Feb 16th

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by Terri Holsinger, Board Secretary