

UUCF Board of Directors Meeting
3/14/2023

Members Present: Sarah Whittenberg, Karin Bell, Debbie Reback, Rebecca Deuel-Gallegos, Katrina Enriquez, Thomas Contreras, Bruce Johnson, Lorne Caddick

Minister: Jason Cook

Absent: Rose London

Guest: Lois Nettleship

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

Occurred at 7:05pm

Agenda Item #2: Acknowledgment of Native Land and Chalice Lighting

Rev. Jason lit the chalice, acknowledged the Tongva people, did a reading about purpose and led us in a minute of silent meditation.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of February 2023 Board Minutes

Katrina made a motion to approve minutes; Karin seconded, no discussion or dissent, motion passed.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of March 2023 Agenda

Debbie made a motion to accept the agenda, Bruce seconded, no discussion or dissent, motion passed.

Agenda Item #5: Admission of reports to the record

With the exception of the RE report and bookkeeping reports, all relevant reports were received and accepted.

Agenda Item #6: Planned Giving Committee Update

Lois reported that at the start of the fiscal year the UU Endowment Fund was \$143,350 and as of 1/31/2023 it is \$153,942. The fund consists of stocks and bonds and generally follows the trend of the market.

Lois also reported that Planned Giving committee would like to change a 2019 provision that specifies that the committee is to have five members. The change would be to include the words "a minimum" of five members. This would provide the committee with more flexibility. The committee would also like to reinstate the requirement that members must commit to participate in planned giving or donation. Discussion on both of these requests occurred. Katrina made a motion to change the wording to allow for a minimum of five members. Rebecca seconded. Motion passed unanimously. As for the latter request, the Sense of the Board was that the committee is empowered to require any condition of incoming members as long as they abide by UU by-laws and principles.

Agenda Item #7.1: Garden Banner

Rev. Jason presented the three proposed UUCF banners for outside the church building. Some aesthetic modifications were suggested and Rev. Jason agreed to take our suggestions to Sherlan (Building Liaison).

Agenda Item #7.2: VP's Report

No report.

Agenda Item #8: Treasurer's Report

Bruce reported that Aaron Aguirre has declined the bookkeeper position. Another candidate has been identified.

April 23 has been selected as the Stewardship Service and April 29 will be the Fellowship Dinner

Agenda Item #9: Trustee Report - Engagement

Rev. Jason reported that pronoun stickers are being produced and will be available at the Welcome Table for optional use.

Agenda Item #10: Trustee Report - Caring and Social

No report.

Agenda Item #11: Trustee Report - Worship and Music

Bruce reported that a meeting of the Music Committee is scheduled for March 15.

Agenda Item #12: Trustee Report - Service

Lorne reported the following fundraisers are planned:

- A pasta lunch on March 26
- A movie night in April
- An ice cream social in May

Lorne asked about the feasibility of UUCF participating in a boycott of Walgreens because of their anti-reproductive rights decisions. After discussion, it was felt that a boycott was problematic and rather than call for one, the Service Committee can educate about the issue and ask people to concentrate on ethical choices as they're able.

Lorne also reported that the committee is working on re-establishing the direct engagement with organizations like Crittenton Children's Home and St. Andreas soup kitchen that was lost or reduced during the pandemic.

Agenda Item #13: Trustee Report - Youth and Family Programming

Rebecca reported that the DRE Search Committee has been formed and their next step is to get the DRE job posting completed and published.

Agenda Item #14: Comments, Clarifications, Proposals, New Business

Debbie reported that someone was slightly injured when the light in the women's bathroom was turned off. She requested that a night-light of some sort be installed so that the room is not completely dark when the lights are off. Rev. Jason will discuss this at the next First Christian meeting.

Agenda Item #14: Adjournment

Sarah adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Karin Bell