

UUFCC Board of Trustees Meeting August 17, 2023 Minutes

Present Dennis Shaw, President; Laura Anderson, Secretary; Dick Schwarz, Treasurer; Laura Liermann, Vice President; Betty Barriga, Trustee; John Lee, Trustee; Sharon Whitehill, Trustee; MaryJane Williams, Guest

Minutes from July meeting approved. John made motion and Laura L. seconded.

Dick presented the **Treasurer's report**.

Betty reported the **CAPAS guest family** is moving into their own apartment on Saturday. Many items are needed and requests for donations have been made and many items have been donated. The home is in North Port so the children will not have to transfer schools.

Request to have **open studio art group** meet at the fellowship was approved. Sandy Telander and Trudy Gerhart made request. Sharon moved and Betty seconded.

MaryJane mentioned the **battery needs to be changed** in the exit light by the old office. A **smoke detector** was put on the office desk. Not sure who put it there nor where it belongs.

August 26 is a **New to UU breakfast**. Lynn Ritchie and MaryJane are organizing. September 3 will be new member Sunday. There are 5 people interested in membership.

Laura A attended **board training** provided by the Southern Region and mentioned there are many materials available if the board is interested. Laura L, Dennis, and MJ will look at suggestions and present to others. Suggested date to have board planning session is **November 4 from 10-2** including lunch.

We have been contacted by a ministerial candidate about **pulpit fulfillment**. Laura A will contact him to get more details on his plans and Dennis will contact Southern region folks and the fellowship in Fredericks, Maryland to ask about him.

The board discussed policy about **animals in the sanctuary**. Tabled for future discussion.

Dennis asked for board support for a **proposal to focus UUFCC as a community model for fighting climate change**.

Suggestions include:

- Landscape with native plants that attract and support pollinators.
- Investigate the possibility of installing solar on the Fellowship. Investigate benefits and cost.
- Seek grants
- Actively engage environmental speakers at least once a month.
- Fly flags that celebrate the environment.
- Bring together environmental groups in the area.
- Renew Green sanctuary status
- Provide classes that are highly publicized and open to all.
- What we can do to support the environment?
- Investigate/choose curricula. Curricula available from UUA
- Re-establish the Climate Action Committee as a Climate Task Force
- Have a speaker series

Immediate action to be taken:

- Laura A will ask Worship associates if it is appropriate/desirable to have a monthly service on this topic.
- Dennis will contact folks to be part of a steering committee
- Fellowship meeting will be held to get buy in from all.

Sharon moved and Betty seconded for board to support forming a task force to support UUFCC involvement in environmental matter. Motion passed.

Next meeting September 21 at 2 pm