

# UUFCC Board of Trustees Minutes

September 21, 2023

Board Members Present: Dennis Shaw, Dick Schwarz, Betty Barriga, John Lee, Sharon Whitehill, Robert Moran, Laura Anderson.

Guests: MaryJane Williams, Cory Dowdy, Ryan Smith, Janet Morrill

## August Minutes

Sharon moved and John seconded to approve minutes as distributed. Motion approved.

## Treasurer's Report

Dick distributed several reports in advance to give Board a clear picture of the financial situation of UUFCC. Compared to last year, expenses are about the same. However, income/pledge income is down \$6500 from last year. We will probably have a shortfall at the end of the year. **Send reminder to folks about pledging/paying pledges** next month when we are half-way through the year.

## Sanctuary Rearrangement

Ryan Smith and Janet Morrill request that the piano be moved to the parking lot side of sanctuary. The choir would then sit in the space where the piano is presently. Ryan distributed plans to the board and has discussed this change with Tom and Cory. Sharon moved and Betty seconded motion to approve this rearrangement. The piano and chairs will be moved after service on Sunday in order to give Tom/Cory a week to change microphone and camera placement. **Ryan** will make announcement this Sunday so folks aren't too surprised.

## Grounds/Landscaping

Several people have been working on the fellowship grounds. Laura L put down mulch a few months ago and it has pretty much disintegrated. John was planning to put down more mulch but will delay in this action. We are reminded that Laura L and Dennis met and discussed environmental-friendly landscape ideas. The Charlotte County garden club has started to meet at the fellowship and they may be able to contribute ideas/labor to this project as well. Perhaps **Laura L, John, and Dennis** could reach out the garden club to discuss possibilities.

## Harbor Heights Civic Association

This nonprofit organization is working to protect habitat in Charlotte County, especially for scrub jays and gopher tortoises. Sharon requested UUFCC become a member. John moved and Laura A seconded motion to approve request. We believe the amount will be \$100. Robert offered to contribute funds. **Dick and Sharon** will follow through. **Sharon** will also coordinate with Social Justice Committee to invite Harbor Heights to speak on an upcoming second Sunday.

## Homeless Coalition

The homeless coalition contacted us and asked if we would provide one meal a month for their clients. **MaryJane** will pass on the details to Ted for discussion with SJC.

## Right to Read Festival

Betty has been representing UUFCC in coordinating this event in the spring to be held in Venice and supported by several community organizations. She asked if we had funding to support this. Laura A moved and Sharon seconded motion to support this event up to \$750.

**CAPAS**

Family is settled into their apartment. Rent and utility expenses are steadily draining funds. September and October transportation is covered. Mom continues to study English and both children are doing well in school and have adjusted well to move. The IJC is exploring fund raising ideas.

**Office Report**

The fellowship passed the inspection by the fire marshall.

Group emails (using Dreamhost) have been inconsistently delivered. **MJ** encouraged us to use Breeze email system instead and will provide training (again) for committee leaders and board members.

**Board Training**

**Laura A, Dick, Robert, and MJ** will meet November 4 to plan board retreat to be held December 2.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting October 19 at 2 pm**