

1 UUFEC Board Meeting 18 March 2014

2 Convened by: Jane Park, President

3 Attendees: Jane Park, Jane Montgomery, Kathy Roniger, John Drury, Karen Lauer, Don Hawkins, Rod
4 Debs, Rece Howley, Josh Ashley, Jennifer Conroy; Miriam Williams; Jennifer Conroy

5 Other attendees: Marie Claude Bohler-Tilbach, Miriam Lavandier, Chris Larson, Denny Lauer, Dar
6 Kayuha, Deborah Rian and Richard Rian. Deborah Bruning

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8 *Opening remarks:* Reverend Rod Debs

9 AGENDA REVIEW: Jane Park noted that the priorities are the bylaws.

10 **Jane Montgomery moved to accept agenda. Karen Lauer seconded. President abstained, all others in**
11 **favor. Agenda accepted as written.**

12 Winning name for southwest room nearest garden is “Harmony Room.”

13 **Secretary moved to accept the name for the southwest room to be “Harmony Room.” Kathy Roniger**
14 **seconded: President abstained, all others in favor. Motion passed.**

15 Miriam E. Lavandier presented statement complaining about being moderated on Facebook and having
16 been removed from membership by the Facebook moderator 16 March 2014. Miriam. E. Lavandier
17 stated she thought her behavior was respectful and that the appropriateness of her behavior was a
18 matter of opinion that should not have been left to the moderator. She requested her statement be
19 included in the board meeting minutes. Board agreed to allow her statement be included in the
20 minutes.

21 Jennifer Conroy inquired if Miriam Lavandier could be put back on the group sooner than the next
22 communications meeting. Josh Ashley asked who all was removed from the group.

23 Miriam Williams answered that two individuals, Miriam Lavandier and Richard Rian, were involuntarily
24 removed for persistently posting material inappropriate for the facebook page; facebook groups can be
25 created and memberships changed very easily, and that she would reinstate folks who were removed
26 following a brief on how to properly utilize all UUFEC communications tools available to them; no need
27 to wait for that brief until the next communications meeting.

28 **Jennifer Conroy moved to allow Miriam Lavandier and Richard Rian to participate on the Facebook**
29 **page. Josh Ashley seconded. Vote: 4 in favor, 3 against, Karen Lauer, Secretary abstained. Motion**
30 **passed.**

31 Stiles Thompson agreed to coordinate canvass activities.

32 Calendar for annual budget meeting – Don Hawkins urged board to coordinate with finance
33 committee before publishing a schedule of events and meetings.

34 Discussion on what budget is based on and in what state it should be presented to the congregation –
35 “dream budget” versus budget based on canvassing pledges, etc. Jane Park said ensure compliance with
36 bylaws and appropriate ethical guidelines.

37 Board agreed to following schedule:

38 Go over budget in detail on a board meeting 13 April 2014 following finance committee meeting.
39 send out budget by 14 April 2014 or send the budget out on the 20 April along with by-laws.
40 Keep board meeting on 21 April.

41 Minute review, various amendments and deletion of excessive details.

42 **Jane Montgomery moved to accept minutes as amended. Miriam Williams seconded. President**
43 **abstained, all others in favor. Minutes accepted as amended.**

44 Bulletin board cleanup/authority was discussed.

45 COMMITTEE REPORTS: reviewed. Highlights for discussion:

46 Food Fun and Fellowship: advised to contact John if they need sound for events.

47 Membership: Deborah Bruning requested that the letter for request for membership for her daughter
48 Rachel be forwarded to the membership committee. Jane Park referred her to the membership
49 committee.

50 Program Council: Josh Ashley considering placing it as a subcommittee of religious services. It is difficult
51 to get folks to show up as a separate meeting.

52 Minister’s Report – Consider sending, identifying who will attend and voting on delegates for UU
53 regional meetings.

54 BYLAWS REVIEW

55 Kathy Roniger and Jane Montgomery were recognized and thanked as the primary editors.

56 Highlights of discussion:

57 Term “Board of Trustees” is recommended for bylaws.

58 Jane Montgomery and Don Hawkins clarified definitions of “canvass committee” and “finance
59 committee” and their relationship to each other. “Stewardship” is the management of those funds.

60 Jane Park stepped out for about 20 minutes; Jane Montgomery continued presiding over the meeting

61 **Jane Montgomery asked for motion to return to original designation of canvass committee. John so**
62 **moved; Rece Howley seconded. Jennifer Conroy and Jane Park abstained; all others voted in favor.**
63 **Motion passed.**

64 2-1 Definition of membership and minimum voting age. voting – age of voting...

65 Denny Lauer, membership committee chairperson, cited UUFEC history of age 14, while most other
66 congregations utilized and recommended age 16.

67 **Josh Ashley moved to return the minimum voting age to 14 years of age. John Drury seconded. Don**
68 **Hawkins, Miriam Williams opposed, Jane Park and Karen Lauer abstained, all others in favor. Motion**
69 **passed.**

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71 Jennifer Conroy moved to strike the requirement for “completion of orientation instruction for
72 membership in UUFEC.” Kathy Roniger seconded. 3 in favor; 5 against; 2 abstentions. motion fails.

73 **Josh Ashley moved to vote to amend final line of 2-1 to read.... “... Unless the member indicates that**
74 **he or she has no income.” Don Hawkins seconded. 5 voted in favor, 3 opposed. Motion passed.**

75 **2-3: Kathy moved to change 90 days to 60 days. Josh seconded. 7 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstained.**
76 **Motion passed.**

77 **2-4: Josh Ashley moved to approve 2-4 as amended “removed from the membership list.” Karen**
78 **Lauer seconded. Jennifer Conroy, Rece Howley and Jane Park abstained, all others voted in favor.**
79 **Motion passed.**

80 **2-5 Miriam Williams moved to accept as written, Rece Howley seconded. All in favor with presidential**
81 **abstention. Motion passed.**

82 **3-6 Don Hawkins motion to approve language, Karen Lauer seconded. All in favor, president**
83 **abstained. Motion passed.**

84 **6-5: John Drury moved to change to read from “consultant” to “advisor” Kathy Roniger seconded to**
85 **the vote. Considerable discussion against the motion. Vote: 1 in favor, 7 against, 3 abstentions.**
86 **Motion failed.**

87 **Article 6: Karen Lauer moved to accept all of article 6 as presented. Don Hawkins seconded.**

88 Discussion: Chris Larson, Kathy Roniger, about building relationships. Relationship building 6-5 article as
89 amended, accepted by Karen Lauer as a friendly amendment.

90 **All in favor, 1 abstention. Motion passed.**

91 Meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for 13 April 2014, then regular board meeting 21 April
92 2014.