

May 21, 2018

UU FEC Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

(Approved on June 4, 2018 by evote)

Attendees:

Officers:

President	Gil Brown
Vice President	Julie Winfree
Treasurer	John Holt
Secretary	Jan Mullins
Past President	Josh Ashley

Members-at-large

2018	Winky Sweet
2018	Amanda Piburn

Quorum: Yes

Type of Meeting: Regular

Start/End time: 6:36/8:30

Check-in and Agenda Review:

Add playground equipment for RE to the agenda.

Guest Speaker: Kathy Roniger gave a report on COM and the conflict resolution process. The COM has adopted a Covenant of Right Relations very similar to that of the Board. The COM seeks and today was formally granted approval from the Board to use this covenant in their work on conflict resolution. The Board in general approves the COM to use its judgement in matters of conflict resolution with the understanding that the Board is available for additional support when needed. The Board does not support the concept of creating a church-wide Covenant of Right Relations.

I. OLD BUSINESS

- A. April minutes were approved online and have been submitted for posting.
- B. Update One Hopeful Place—Sharing and Caring did not respond to our inquiries. Opportunity Place did respond and are dependent on our gifts. Shelter House also did not respond. We agreed to try communication with these organizations in writing. **John will do this.** We agree to wait one more month prior to acting in this regard.
- C. Treasurer's Report – See attachment
- D. Committee Reports

Caring Committee; Reece Howley: Liaison: Amanda Piburn. The committee is working well and the Board greatly appreciates the hard work they are doing. The board discussed the idea that in a perfect situation the Caring Committee would work with Membership to take note of when members didn't attend church and then reach out to people to be sure they were ok.

COM Committee; Chair: Kathy Roniger: Liaison: Josh Ashley (see note above)

Communications Committee; Chair: Jane Park; Liaison: Julie Winfree

We received a letter from Jane about the work and aspirations of this committee.

Facilities/Buildings & Grounds Committee; Chair Fred Boyer: Liaison Winky Sweet

We had a spring clean-up. Bill White has rebuilt the stoop outside the nursery. He recommended a gutter over the stoop. We discussed the play structure and would like the RE committee to make a request of the board of their dreams for the play space.

We have rats and squirrels damaging the facility and are in the process of collecting estimates for their removal.

We discussed the property on the corner and whether or not we want to sell. We agreed to organize several second hour programs to contemplate selling the property. **Gil will arrange for this.**

Finance Committee; Chair: Elisabeth Ashley; Liaison: John Holt:

No new information presented.

Food Fun and Fellowship Committee; Chair: Jan Mullins; Liaison Jan Mullins

Members are not coming to the meetings. Perhaps we need a different time to meet, or perhaps we need to fold into another committee until we have more members to populate the committee.

Membership Committee; Chair: Denny Lauer; Liaison: Amanda Piburn: The guest information card has been modified.

Religious Exploration Committee; Chair: Stephanie Marshall; Liaison: Jan Mullins

Bridging Sunday was exceptional. Babies and young children were present during the entire service. During the summer there will be a number of Sundays where there is no programming for school age children. Children will be provided with coloring pages so they have something to occupy themselves with during the service. Gil will check with Lisa about which dates children will be in services.

We will need to find a new chair of RE starting next month.

Religious Services Committee; No Chair: Liaison: Winky Sweet

The “Out of the Box” Sundays fill the calendar through July. Then Doak arrives and the other August Sundays are filled.

Endowment Committee: Josh Ashley will be the new liaison. A single remaining opening exists on Endowment to fulfill the required 5 positions. Two church members reached out to Gil to volunteer to serve on the committee. The Board voted to appoint Karen Lauer to fill this remaining vacancy. Josh agreed (personal communication with Gil) to inform Karen. Josh will arrange for an endowment committee meeting sometime in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Political statement –We agreed to put a statement on our website regarding UUFEF’s policy on political involvement:

The UUFEF is committed to social justice, and is unafraid to take unambiguous public stances on issues of moral conscience, regardless of whether the public considers those issues to be political in nature. When it comes to candidates for public office, UUFEF will not endorse or oppose any candidate. The UUFEF may rent space to political organizations in

accordance with our facilities' committee policy, which is available online at UUFEC.org. Additionally, for events which may be construed as "campaign-style" or political events for a candidate, UUFEC requires the following: two weeks advanced notification and approval by UUFEC president or Vice President or Minister; and the following statement to be made at the beginning of the meeting: "The UUFEC has rented the use of the building to [name of organization], and does not endorse or oppose any candidate for public office." UUFEC does not allow partisan political statements during Sunday morning activities or on any of UUFEC's media platforms.

- b. Ads for Eglin AFB –The Board approved ads John has been working on for the Eglin webpage.
- c. Creation of Bylaws Committee –John and Julie agreed to serve on the Bylaws Committee. Rev. Mansfield will be included once he arrives.
- d. Upcoming Church Service—June 10th the Board will present one of the "Out of the Box" services. Gil, Julie and Josh will speak. Winky will be service leader.
- e. Rev. Doak is visiting June 4-8th. He would like to meet with UUFEC leaders. We agreed that Pot Luck at UUFEC June 7th 6:30 would be best. John will communicate with Doak directly to arrange accommodations.
- f. General Assembly is in June in Kansas City. We will announce this and invite candidates to go. UUFEC is allotted 2 voting delegates. Gil will make the announcement.
- g. Next Board Meeting: June 18, 6:32