

UU FEC Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

2019-08-26

Officers:

President	Gil Brown
Vice President	Julie Winfree -absent
Treasurer	John Holt
Secretary	Rece Howley
Past President	Josh Ashley

Members-at-large:

2020	Toni Pentecouteau- absent
2019	Amanda Piburn - absent
Ex Officio	Doak Mansfield
Guests	None

MINUTES

Review Minutes from 7/22/19

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: The 7/22/19 minutes were approved as distributed without objection.

Minister's Report:

Presented by Reverend Doak at meeting

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: none

TREASURERS REPORT:

Formal report was unavailable due to technical difficulties. John will be working on putting together a treasurer's report for next meeting. He expects to also produce quarterly reports to committee chairs.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: none

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Caring Committee; Chair Vacant: Liaison: Rece Howley

The Caring Committee didn't meet in Aug.

We have been working on a card to be placed in the pews to alert congregants of caring committee presence and availability. A Caring Committee member made a hospital visit.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: We need a new chairperson since Rece has resigned from the committee.

COM Committee; Chair: Jane Park: Liaison: Josh Ashley

The COM is working on the annual assessment of Doak. We developed the questionnaire /assessment form and identified leaders we want to hear from. Travel and unexpected life events slowing things down just a little, but we're off to a good start.

Jane

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: no input

Communications Committee; Chair: Paula Previte; Liaison: Julie Winfree

Gil/Julie,
Communications did not meet in August due to unavailability. The regular media are still going out to the community though and our next meeting is around the corner. Please urge anyone from the growth meeting who had ideas in the communication realm to come to the next meeting and pitch it to the team.

Thanks,
Paula

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

Facilities / Buildings & Grounds Committee; Chair: Julie Winfree; Liaison: Julie Winfree

No formal report, however Julie has communicated that B&G is doing an estimate of costs for capital funds drive, primarily involving work on the front entrance renovation and the electrical work.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

Finance Committee; Temporary Chair: Blake Farley; Liaison: Gil Brown

John reports that UUFEC has completed the purchase 3 CD's, each at 25,000. These will generate more revenue to UUFEC while also being easily sold, if necessary, with minimal financial penalty.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: none

Membership Committee; Chair: Jane Park; Liaison: Toni Pentecouteau

No changes to membership. Still at 80.

We had a nice group of 7 last week's UU Newcomer class part 1. The second/final session is this Sunday (8/25).

I'll give an additional update before the board meeting, if anyone joins on Sunday.

QUESTION FOR THE BOARD: Has a date has been set for the fall congregational meeting? (typically end of October)

If the meeting will be held Oct 27, then anyone joining on Sunday, could participate. If the meeting will be held earlier, then they won't have been members long enough.

Here is the relevant bylaw text.

2-2 The right to vote at a meeting of the Fellowship is limited to those who have been members of UUFEC for at least 60 days immediately preceding the meeting.

Shar Farley and I will meet Sunday to discuss a possible visitor/guest packet and other items. As always, thanks to Julie Winfree for coordinating the greeters.

With gratitude for your service,
Jane

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

President note: The executive session minutes from the 7/22/19 meeting will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Religious Exploration Committee; Chair: Amy Weisberg; Liaison: Toni Pentecouteau

We have hired our new DRE, Sophia Lopez. The RE committee has subsequently done the following:

- Provided Orientation to Sophia
- Guided Sophia who has called the majority of UUFEC households to ascertain status for teaching and to make list of kids
- Has connected with Lisa who is also going to help Sophia
- Has selected 2019-2020 curriculum
- Guided Sophia on recruiting teachers
- Guided Sophia to consider hiring a new nursery supervisor replacement

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

Religious Services Committee; Brian O'Connell Chair; Liaison: Amanda Piburn

Hi Gil,

Here's the Religious Services Committee report for August:

Upcoming services of note and guest speakers:

- Sep 8: "In-gathering"/water communion (Amy and Christina Kollar)
- Sep 15: New member recognition
- Sep 22: Ken Sizemore (music and sermon)

Other:

- Working to schedule speaker for Sep 29.
- Speaker solicitations are out for Sep and Oct open dates to: Rev Martin Lister, Father Nathan Monk, the Okaloosa chapter of the NAACP, NWF Daily News
- Deidre Price has expressed interest in speaking in the spring, as has Robert Larson (change from Oct 20). Tiffany Sapp was contacted, but she is currently a hospital chaplain in Johnson City, TN and is not available

Brian

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: no input

Social Justice Committee: Chair: Abigail Rigganbach; Liaison: Rece Howley

Gil-

The Social/Environmental Justice Committee has a lot going on for the next few months.

SJC has voted and decided to change our Share the Plate from One Hopeful place to UU Ministry for Earth, Julie is to talk to you about this at the next meeting. Next Fifth Sunday's share the plate that is usually shared with SJC will be used to support Okaloosa Academy, specifically providing menstrual pads and tampons for the students who don't have them. This project will be handled by Toni P. We are set in motion for next month's GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE. Our local 350 organization is hosting the march in Pensacola Sept 20 at 4pm. For the future, it is unplanned but brought to the table to work with Climate action second hour to host a congregational meeting that extends into third hour one Sunday for education, discussion, and reflection concerning the Climate Crisis. Abigail is working with Kathy Rofenburg, social justice chair of UU bay County on SJC efforts. More news to come. Starting now until the job gets done SJC will be running something in the Wic and enews requesting clothing donations for a family Shar Farley supports.

Here is the link to the up and coming Climate Strike:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/tbd/pensacola-climate-strike/419580498651241/>

Lots of passionate people with great outreach ideas this month!

Abigail Riggenbach

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: The Board reviewed and approved the request to change recipients of the Sharing of the Plate of Cash offering from One Hopeful Place to UU Ministry for the Earth. After significant discussion, the Board voted that in general, Sharing of the Plate of Cash Offering should be reserved for local organizations in an effort to strengthen UUFEC's connections with our local community. Therefore the Board requests that sometime over the next 3 months, that Social Justice find a more local recipient for these funds, while still maintaining the Climate/Environmental Emphasis of this recipient.

Endowment Committee: Chair and Liaison: Josh Ashley

Josh is planning an Endowment Committee Meeting for 9/4/19. The Endowment Committee will need to select a new member for the Calendar year, starting in 2020.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Growth Team:

Meeting held August 13 at 6 pm and Blake and Lisa's. Many great ideas. Good bonding occurred as well. Here's some ideas that people committed to at the meeting:

- Sarah: working on Landscaping the extra Land with the extension service
- Josh / communications: Facebook Live streaming our sermons
- Abigail/Communications: hooking up UUFEC Instagram
- Sarah/Communications: UUFEC Snapchat
- Brian/Communications: Advertise on WFSW Panama City radio with UU Bay County
- Gil/B&G group: Enhanced use of UUFEC for public events, clubs, etc.
- Jane/Communications: work on UUFEC Tag Line and T-shirts
- Shar/Membership: Enhance Visitor packet with information on 2nd hour groups
- Jane/Membership: work on Small Group Gatherings outside of Sun AM
- Jane/Board: lead a Mission Statement Building Process
- Abigail/Religious Services: Establish a Minority Group

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

Bylaws Committee: Members: Julie Winfree, John Holt, and Brian O'Connell.

- Gil will review and add to the already suggested bylaws changes from John Holt and send to John Holt (hopefully by 9/5/19)
- John will then distribute proposed changes to the Board and to Bylaws Committee member Bryan. He will also forward any changes that reference specific committees to the chairs of those committees for their input as well (hopefully by 9/12/19)
- The Board will review and vote on the proposed changes at our September meeting and then will be brought to the congregation for a formal vote in October.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: The Board agreed that a formal bylaws committee meeting was not necessary to work on bylaws.

OLD BUSINESS

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

Southern UU Leadership Immersion Experience:

Leadership Immersion Experience in Oct.

October 20-25, 2019

W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center in 775 Hermitage Rd, Wirtz, Virginia

Toni and Julie both going. Doak will be unable to attend.

We will try to find an alternate person in Doak's place. Rece has volunteered. Blake has expressed interest too. The Board is still checking options for other candidates.

Total Cost to UUFEF will be \$1,642 for the first 2 and then additional \$745 for additional member. Total is \$2,387. We have paid \$600 towards the deposit.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

NEW BUSINESS:

Select Nominating Committee for Next year (Josh is Nominations Committee Chair):

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: Committee members will be Josh, the outgoing at large person (Amanda). Josh proposed Sandy Fowler be the third member and the board approved this recommendation.

October Congregational meeting:

The Board agreed to the following plans regarding the Fall Congregational Meeting:

- DATE: Oct 27th
- AGENDA (not necessarily in this order)
 - o Vote on Bylaws Changes
 - o Honor a congregational member. John will take the lead on getting gift for this person. Gil will do research to be sure that this person will be in Ft Walton during the meeting.
 - o Budget update by John
 - o Vote for new board members
 - o Vote for new endowment committee member

Connection with Health Dept for UUFEF to be a Healthy Okaloosa Site.

Gil Working on this.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Last Monday in Sep on the 30th