

UUFEC Board of Trustees Minutes

2020-11-16

Attendees:

Officers:

President	Gil Brown
Vice President	Athena Riley
Treasurer	John Holt
Secretary	Sarah Albano
Past President	Josh Ashley

Members-at-large:

2020	Toni Pentecouteau
2020	Amy Weisberg

Guests: none

Motions:

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“We fund postcards and stamps not to exceed \$500.00 to be funded by minister’s professional expenses”

Gil Brown seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Details in the Social Justice Section of Minutes below.

MINUTES

Review minutes from 10/26/2020.

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

Review Fall congregational meeting from 10/25/2020

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

TREASURERS REPORT:

UUFEC finances are still ahead of budget, thanks to underspending.

Won't be able to get loan forgiveness for Doak's Salary from the PPP, since he is no longer working with UUFEC.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS; Chair: Julie Winfree, Liaison: Athena Riley

UUFEC BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2020

Greetings All.

All seems well with our UUFEC Church building and grounds.

On October 3rd we had an outdoor church cleanup event that proved quite productive. I am sorry to say that I did not write the names of volunteers who pitched in so, as I will likely leave out someone, I will not mention our volunteers by name. However, all our volunteers worked hard. We cleaned out leaves and branches from the perimeter of the church, pruned the cedar tree row and cut low hanging large oak branches (courtesy of Gil's and his trusty chainsaw), cut back the azalea bushes lining the

back sidewalk, replaced the broken motion detector floodlight above the azalea bushes, cleaned the drain area at the bottom of the basement stairway, and more...

On November 3, 2020, I notified our landscaping service that we wished to suspend our services until next spring. I estimate late March early April 2021 we will need to resume. On November 13, I turned the hot heater setting to the lowest mode - vacation mode. (I was unable to locate the HWW circuit breaker so this is the best I could do for now.) Also, Marion and I adjusted the thermostat to 80 degrees in the day and 60 degrees at night. I believe these efforts will help save us some money on our electric bill.

During my visit to the church on November 13, I did a quick inspection of our kitchen cabinets to look for evidence of rodent activity. I found a couple of poos but no sign of recent activity and no sign that rodents are nesting in the cabinets. However, I did throw out all the baking supplies stored in the cabinets (i.e. flour and sugars) to help prevent future infestations.

No other B&G news to report.

Warmest Regards,

Your UUFEC Building and Grounds Committee Chairperson

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

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

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE; Chair: Steve Dixon ; Liaison: Sarah Albano

Communications team had a slight hiccup the last two weeks as our Zoom Link in the E-News suddenly stopped working, but it should be functioning properly this week. In the meantime, we've instructed people to access the Zoom Coffee Hour through the website if the E-News link malfunctions.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE; Chair and Liaison: Josh Ashley

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

FINANCE COMMITTEE; Temporary Chair: Blake Farley; Liaison: John Holt

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

Waiting for requests from various committees at this time. . .

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE; Chair: Jane Park; Liaison: Toni Pentecoteau

Membership remains at 85.

Since the last board meeting, I've reached all but one phone tree caller. My focus is ensuring that we reach folks that I haven't heard from, who may be more isolated. (So for example, I'm not worried about board members).

Special thanks to Sophia, who is helping reach some folks that we hadn't heard from. And always a thank you to all callers: Shar Farley, Sandi Fowler, Diane Gibson, Denny Lauer, Cecile Lendegren and Jan Mullins.

Question/Suggestion:

One relatively easy opportunity to improve connections is sending cards to folks who are ill. Some folks who are ill aren't interested in "help"- like meals, errands, but getting cards is nice and everyone that I have mentioned this to was enthusiastic about sending cards. I think this just involves a little coordination between Caring and phone tree. I'm motivated to help get cards going. Can someone follow up with me about the right next step?

With the election over, I may finally have the energy and time to work on a virtual small group or two. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

Thank you all, Jane

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

Gil, as head of Caring Committee, will respond to Jane :)

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION COMMITTEE; Chair: Jan Mullins; Liaison: Amy Weisberg;

RE continues to reach out to families to encourage engagement during our shut down. Friday, November 20th we are hosting an out-door movie night for which there has been a positive response. Much of our nursery staff is coming to help with socially distant activities, pizza, and then a cozy movie cuddled up in family pods. "Whoville in UUville" may need to become an annual event, pandemic or no.

Thanks,

Jan

Also. . . from Amy:

I have a couple of things to bring up.

1. A request from the organizers of the joint service on Nov 29
2. A serious question about the Grinch movie night.

Both could be brought up in the committee reports section.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

The Board discussed Amy's questions. The main request of reassurance that board agreed that holding an outside movie night was safe in view of Covid. The board discussed and reiterated its previous position that out-door activities at UUFEC with safe social distancing were acceptable.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES COMMITTEE; Shar Farley Chair; Liaison: Amy Weisberg;

RSC Report

On the last Sunday of November (November 29) instead of our regular worship programming, we will be able to hear a special virtual service that UUFEC will join in with the other UU churches that make up the UU Alabama/Florida UU cluster. Amy Weisberg is coordinating with the UU ministers and their churches. Since our choir has not been able to meet and we are without a minister, our participation will be minimal, but it will be an opportunity to hear the words from professional ministers in our area. More details will follow in a few weeks.

This week Marion forwarded to me an email that was sent to her. It was a complimentary email that a Diane Finlayson sent us after viewing the October service. She was very complimentary and thanked us for streaming our services. I copied her email to Gil and the members of our RSC. It is rewarding to hear that we are reaching others with our services.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CARING COMMITTEE; Chair: Vacant

The Caring Committee has not had any formal communication since last meeting.

Gil

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

GROWTH COMMITTEE

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE: Chair: None; Liaison: Sarah Albano

REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO SEND OUT CARDS

Postcards

Office Depot Estimate

1000 4"x6" postcards

The SJC would like the postcards to have yellow on the front with United in Love on the front and the UUFEC logo and address on the back.

The cost for 1000 is actually an estimate for 2000 because the postcards will have printing on the front and back: \$350 is the estimated cost.

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The SJC will produce these cards. Any committee chair is welcome to use them for their committee's work.

OLD BUSINESS

MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE:

Ongoing. Their next meeting will be held immediately after today's board meeting.

COVID UPDATE:

Numbers in our community and nationwide climbing dramatically.

NEW BUSINESS

John proposes getting another estimate to update our electrical system, given it isn't too costly will be discussed next Board meeting.

Next and Last Board Meeting of 2020: Dec 21st, 6:32 PM

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