

UUFEC Board of Trustees Minutes

2021-01-25

Attendees:

Officers:

President	Jane Park
Vice President	Athena Riley
Treasurer	John Holt
Secretary	Sarah Albano
Past President	Gil Brown

Members-at-large:

2021	Janet Chapman
2021	Amy Weisberg

Guests: none

MINUTES

Review minutes from 12-21-20

Minutes approved without objection, as amended.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Still surprisingly ahead. Income at 97%.

We received a generous bequest from the estate of Daisy Horne. It is restricted and will be placed in the endowment fund.

John is sorting out payment's on UUFEC mortgage. The church refinanced in 2009, but we have been making 2 of the original payment amounts (before refinancing) instead of the one refinanced payment every month.

PPE Loan can include utilities, but the rest of the loan will not be forgiven, as Doak is no longer on staff. We may be able to obtain loan forgiveness, since our other employees are still on payroll and Doak retired (as opposed to quitting or being fired). We are able to pay the PPE loan back now.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: *None.*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board agreed to confirm/shift liaisons as we go through each committee. Minutes reflect 2021 liaisons to each committee.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS; Chair: Julie Whisler, 2021 Liaison: Athena Riley

Did a walk through after Christmas; no rodent activity or anything. Julie Winfree also did a walk through of the basement, which had some standing water from Hurricane Sally. John Holt suggested that we check the pump out, since the flooding indicates a failure on the pump's part. Second, there was interest in plan to hold a spring clean-up (when it's warm enough).

COM Committee; Chair: Jane Park; Liaison:

(addressed under new business)

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE; Chair: Steve Dixon; 2021 Liaison: Sarah Albano

No Report

In a conversation with a board member, Steve Dixon said he will continue to be head of communications until a replacement will be found, and he doesn't want to post on Facebook.

Sarah Albano volunteered to take over some of the Facebook stuff and will discuss with Jane.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: *None.*

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE; Chair: Josh Ashley; 2021 Liaison: John Holt

Josh will have an update next month.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: *None.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE; Temporary Chair: Blake Farley; 2021 Liaison: John Holt

Blake reports that the committee is not meeting at this time. John said he will send mortgage stuff to Blake.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: *None.*

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE; 2021 Chair: Open 2021 Liaison: Open

Jane doesn't have bandwidth to be president and membership chair. She will maintain the membership list. We have 82 members, down from 83 in the December report, with Steve Layden's passing.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: *None.*

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION COMMITTEE; Chair: Jan Mullins; 2021 Liaison: Amy Weisberg;

Amy said that RE will be doing a movie night and an egg hunt for Easter. Meeting soon and will talk with RE about any ideas.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: *None.*

RELIGIOUS SERVICES COMMITTEE; Shar Farley Chair; 2021 Liaison: Amy Weisberg

RSC hasn't much new to report. In February we plan to observe the "30 Days of Love," theme. Our four services will feature sermons, music and meditative poems that urge us to work actively for racial justice and more compassion and love in our community and in the greater world.

On February 14 we will download the special worship service on this theme that the UUA will be showing at 10am. This service will be shown on our Facebook page and website.

We continue to urge members who are interested in assisting the worship team to contact me. We are always seeking people who can record chalice lightings. Anyone interested in recording stories for A Time for All Ages should contact Sophia Lopez, DRE.

Shar Farley, Chair of RSC

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: *None.*

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CARING COMMITTEE; Chair: Vacant (Gil Brown filling in) Liaison: (??)

The caring Committee hasn't had a formal meeting since UUFEC stopped regular services. We continue to stay in touch on an 'as needed' basis. I have not been made aware of any caring requests from church members in the past month. I would like to communicate with whomever is most connected with the phone tree and see if there are people out there who could use some extra connection or help.

ALSO, the caring committee is an ad hoc committee and will need to be reappointed by the board at this first new board meeting.

Gil

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT:

Gil suggested that we keep member contact and caring within the Membership Committee. There was general agreement.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE; Chair: Toni Pentecouteau; 2021 Liaison: Sarah Albano

I sent a request on Jan. 4 for times for a Zoom meeting - but did not hear back from anyone. Nothing to report – Toni.

Update during meeting from Gil on social justice thrift shop: Not much happening with the social justice thrift shop. May scrap the idea.

BOARD RESPONSE/INPUT: *None.*

Gil Brown made a motion to approve Social Justice Committee as Ad Hoc committee. Amy Weisberg seconded the motion. Motion passes as approved. 7:34 PM

OLD BUSINESS

MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE:

Update at meeting:

2 hits on profile that were released. Amy Weisberg contacted people that were interested in the position and told them the committee will meet and discuss. Amy will contact committee members to arrange a meeting.

COVID UPDATE:

Okaloosa Update at meeting from Gil Brown:

- Any building use policy revisions as people are vaccinated?

CDC is still suggesting that people follow strict measures in public in spite of vaccines, so we will continue to do what we have been doing and sustain current policies. Gil wants to reach out to the caring committee to help eligible members sign up to get vaccinated.

Jane Park needs to facilitate response to building requests for summer events (Trudi Griffin's granddaughter's wedding & memorial for Daisy Horn):

-Memorial for Daisy Horne can happen whenever CDC guidelines approve such an event. Judy Byrne Riley volunteered to communicate with the family on the church's behalf, and the Board has no issue with that.

-Trudie Griffin's grand-daughter: check back with us in June. We can at least block off the date and reserve a spot. We cannot promise an event, but we can promise a reservation.

NEW BUSINESS

Daisy Horn Estate:

- Judy Byrne Riley and/or Don Hawkins can serve as liaison to estate.

Working with staff

- Jane noted that she will reach out to staff, as she is their supervisor in the absence of a minister.

Leadership

-Appointing a Treasurer*

Janet Chapman made a motion to appoint John Holt as treasurer. Gil Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

-Committee on Ministry:

Postpone the discussion on appointing members to COM for next board meeting.

-Canvass- Amy volunteered to look for guidance on conducting canvass. Other board members are invited to research this issue as well. We will discuss at our next meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Feb 22, 2021, 6:32 PM