

UUFLG Board of Trustees meeting - September 10th, 2020

Minutes prepared by Charlie Holst, Secretary

Attendees:

Linda Osborne (president)	Rev. Fa Jun
Karen O'Brien (vice president)	Colleen Hamilton (DRE)
Rick Roberts (treasurer)	Lynn Golbetz
Charlie Holst (secretary)	Cindy Giesing
Sarah Ditzler (member-at-large)	Lauri Roberts

Meeting called to order (7:05 pm, via Zoom), followed by check-in

The board approved the minutes for the August 13, 2020 meeting.

Finance update (Rick)

- Fiscal year 2020 to-date: Budget vs. Actual
- Discussion about Town Hall meeting to discuss UUFLG finances with members and friends

Finance committee met on Tuesday. UUFLG is currently running a deficit of ~1k-3k/month. Overhead \$8k. Pledges are ~\$5500/mo. \$70k pledged, \$49k remaining to collect over remainder of fiscal year. Suggest that the message at the Town Hall be that we are doing this for transparency, connection. Encourage a positive message. Moving forward, until the situation changes with regard to in-building activities, UUFLG is likely to be running deficits of \$1k-\$4k/month. Non-pledged contributions are down considerably. Attendance was low the last 2 weeks (from 40+ to 25ish). Unity has made a contribution of \$300. David Creighton's group also contributed \$600. August contributions were strong overall, but September is down. Cindy has volunteered to take over some of the bookkeeping duties, which the Board is very grateful for.

Discussion about possible Town Hall: Rev. Fa Jun suggested a Town Hall meeting that's less focused on the finances specifically and more on re-connecting as a Fellowship. Fa Jun is willing to spearhead this idea. Online auction & plant sale came up.

Brainstorm on Caring and Membership needs (Fa Jun)

Update from Fa Jun: was conversing with a new potential pledging member! But was wondering with how to "meet" the congregation in these times? Related question: how to rejuvenate the Caring & Membership committees? Colleen also raised the question about how best to connect with new members and learn what their needs might be. Cindy suggested a link to an online Form for new members (virtual green card), including RE. ACTION: Charlie to create the form with input from others with knowledge of what's on the green card. Then, we need to have people commit to connecting with the new people. Good discussion about re-stimulating

Membership committee. One suggestion was to use the breakout group during the normal service so individuals can connect in a small-group setting. Outdoor gatherings of small groups is another idea. ACTION: Fa Jun will put out a general call to the membership for someone to head up the Membership committee.

RE update (Colleen)

- Bay Area collaboration of UUs initiated by the SF fellowship.
- Attendance of the Liberal Religious Educators Association conference in Oct. at cost of \$175

Board agreed that outreach & collaborations with local UU organizations (both RE and more general events)

Board agreed to pay for the DRE to attend the LREA conference.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Next meeting—Oct. 8, 2020