

Minutes, UUFLG Board of Trustees Meeting, July 14, 2022

This meeting of the UUFLG Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:05 by video conference.

Present:

Mark Ditzler (president)	Donna Brewer
Karen Fitch (vice president)	Sue Ann Lorig
Lynn Golbetz (secretary) (late)	Rev. Fa Jun
Julie Matthews (treasurer)	

The board approved the minutes for the June 9, 2022, meeting.

COVID Task Force

The COVID Task Force recommends no changes at this time but is keeping a close watch on evolving trends. For the upcoming Roy Zimmerman concert, attendees will be verbally asked if they are vaccinated, and mask wearing will be enforced.

Finance

Current Finance Committee members are Julie (now account owner), Donna (who signs checks and manages rentals), Lauri (who signs checks), and Ann Campbell.

The board reviewed the financial materials circulated by Julie prior to the meeting. The Fellowship had a slight positive net income for the 2021-22 fiscal year, including a large number of contributions above pledges and a one-time forgiveness of a \$14,187 COVID PP loan. Donna reported that Unity will be returning in August.

Membership

Current Membership Committee members are Dave Voris (chair, currently on leave for family reasons), Donna (cochair and filling in for Dave), Sue Ann, and Linda.

More members are needed, here and elsewhere. In response, the board decided to resume the monthly Fellowship Minute, now on the fourth Sunday of each month. Lynn will draft a schedule and circulate to committee heads. This will be a reminder that we are a volunteer-run community, and there will be a focused call for opportunities to volunteer for the committee of the month. (The service associate should have a clipboard to record eager offers.)

The welcome packet needs to be updated.

The vote on amending the bylaws to allow membership at 15 rather than 18 is still in process. Lynn will circulate a reminder email, and Rev. Fa Jun will post a reminder on Facebook.

Caring

Current Caring Committee members are Donna, Heather, Sharmin, and Rev. Fa Jun. Several others have identified themselves as people who can “do stuff” but not come to meetings. The committee is still in the formation stage but is meeting regularly and will be rolling in September. Sharmin will run the next two meetings; Heather will probably take over in the fall.

Sunday Services

Rick is checking with two friends who run sound in other churches as to what changes our system might need. Rick will advise Dave and the board on their recommendations.

Stewardship

Lynn read an update from Rick. He met with Ron Kirkland to decide on the best LED bulbs to replace the current fluorescents. Ron bypassed the ballasts on one unit to test direct 120 volts. This is one option. The other is to just replace the old bulbs with LEDs. Ron will check with several vendors for quotes. The lighting will be brighter, more natural-looking, and much more energy efficient. The committee plans to start with the West Room, then move to the nursery, bathrooms, and kitchen. It hopes to take bids to Finance in two weeks and then plan a work date. The committee has the budget for this upgrade.

Social Action

Sue Ann requested that the Fellowship sign a letter to the USDA secretary supporting funding of plant-based meal options in schools. The board approved this. There was discussion of the level at which the Fellowship should make these decisions. Lynn will dig up the previous board discussion on this topic; Mark will also pursue this information.

Other Business

The nursery door was left open after everyone had left the building last Sunday. The board discussed the need for last person out to check all the doors. Lynn will also email RE requesting that they make sure the last staffer/volunteer leaving (or their delegate) closes up the nursery. Rev. Fa Jun can remind the leadership list that whoever leaves last should check all doors. (Note: the front door can be locked and left open, so a keyless person leaving last can just close it.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 11, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Golbetz (Secretary)

Motions Approved

The board approved the Fellowship signing a letter to the USDA secretary supporting funding of plant-based meal options in schools.

Action Items

Karen F: Research possibilities/process for creating memorial scholarship

Lauri: With Sierra, set up Google volunteering system and potential interest/skill survey

RFJ: Check with Membership on pipeline for getting online visitors' forms into database

Future Agenda Items

Proposed Stewardship projects

Volunteer signup system

August: fundraising effort/capital campaign

Consider privacy/personal information policy

Investigate officially becoming 501(c)(3) (we are a California nonprofit)

Review membership policy again (low priority)

Someday/maybe list: outdoor announcement board