

Minutes, UUFLG Board of Trustees Meeting, May 9, 2024

This meeting of the UUFLG Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by video conference.

Present:

Mark Ditzler (president)	Sarah Ditzler
Karen Fitch (vice president)	Linda Osborne
Lynn Golbetz (secretary)	David Voris
Julie Matthews (treasurer)	
Donna Brewer	

The board approved the agenda for the May 9, 2024, meeting.

The board approved the minutes for the April 18, 2024, meeting.

Social Action

The board discussed whether the Fellowship should sign on to the petition entitled “Statement supporting student activism on Gaza.” According to our bylaws, as a public policy resolution, this would require a 2/3 vote of the membership. There is disagreement on this issue, and the consensus was that the upcoming business meeting is not the optimal venue for such a vote. The board approved the following motion:

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The question arose of whether there are guidelines for postings to the UUFLG discussion list. Lynn will ask Lance.

For the future, Mark proposes changing the bylaws so the board can approve Social Action decisions, unless it thinks an issue will be controversial/may cause division.

Minister Search

The Ministerial Search Committee will meet shortly; after this, Karen will compile the committee’s report and present it to the board.

One candidate presented a service on April 28. A second will do so on May 26. Given the requirement that absentee ballots go out three weeks before the annual meeting, the board determined to move the business meeting to the 23d to allow full and fair consideration of both candidates.

Finance

The board approved the budget as circulated by email.

Although the board approved the change of RE policy for teacher payment (see below), it will not propose an increase to the RE budget at this time. It will review the budget midyear and determine whether any changes are needed.

This year's annual meeting mailing will include the recap of the activities and expenditures of Building and Grounds for the past year.

Membership

Another member wishes to sign the book. A new member celebration will be held on June 2.

Religious Exploration

The board approved the change of RE policy to pay all teachers even for Sundays when no children are present.

Governance

Karen will check on how to remove Fa Jun as the admin on one of our Facebook groups.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Golbetz (Secretary)

Motions Approved

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The business meeting is rescheduled to June 23d.

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Future Agenda Items

Mark proposes changing the RE structure to a paid nursery person plus a DRE whose job is to recruit volunteers.

Mark proposes changing the bylaw requirement for a 2/3 membership vote on public policy resolutions, allowing the board to approve Social Action measures that it does not expect to be controversial.

Someday/maybe: revise rental banner, create outdoor announcement board