

Minutes, UUFLG Board of Trustees Meeting, January 8, 2025

This meeting of the UUFLG Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by video conference.

Present:

David Voris (president)

Lauri Feetham (member at large)

Will Kropp (vice president)

Shams Cohen (minister)

Lynn Golbetz (secretary)

Donna Brewer (congregational leader)

Julie Matthews (treasurer)

The board approved the minutes for the December 11, 2024, meeting as amended.

Minister Report

Several task force members attended the very informative online class on going beyond land acknowledgments.

On February 2, there will be a gathering after the service for people potentially interested in membership.

Finance

The board reviewed and approved the December financial reports.

The board agreed that the minister's professional expenses roll over between fiscal years if not used.

Stewardship

Lauri has submitted our compliance report to the fire marshal.

Unity has requested a ring camera for security purposes. This would require having someone to monitor the feed, which we do not. We will, however, install external motion sensor lighting.

Sunday Services

Julie will talk to John about the need for more Sunday service associates and sound techs. Everyone else will also try to identify likely candidates.

Governance

Will is scheduled to meet with Melissa James of UUA tomorrow. The board discussed the strategic planning process: do we want to refresh our covenants, mission, and vision, then build goals and budgetary priorities on those, or focus more on immediate priorities, such as bringing Shams on full time? Based on this discussion, Will will talk with Melissa about how best to move forward and how she can help. Subsequently, all board members are encouraged to attend a board/minister start-up Zoom meeting. Potential dates for that meeting are March 3 and March 27.

We need a special membership meeting to approve the proposed changes in the articles of incorporation. Lynn will figure out the process for this and circulate a plan.

The board discussed the draft internet and social media policy circulated by Will. Trustees will comment and vote on this policy at the next meeting.

Religious Exploration

One staff member did not work on Sunday but is getting fingerprinted so they can return. Everyone else is up to date on all legal requirements.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Golbetz (Secretary)

Motions Approved

The board approved the December financial reports.

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Action Items

Julie: Discuss Minister's Discretionary Fund with Shams
Let RE Committee know how much remains in its budget
Lauri: Plan Soup with Shams event
Will: Create shared Google folder for Fellowship