

Minutes, UUFLG Board of Trustees Meeting, February 12, 2025

This meeting of the UUFLG Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:03 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 January 8, 2025, meeting as amended.

Finance

The board reviewed and approved the January financial reports.

Dave has done a budget projection through the end of the church year. At present we are on track for a break-even result (the approved budget was for a deficit), although this may change, as revenues and expenses vary month to month.

Former member Sue Fera's estate has made a donation of approximately \$13,000, which will go into the endowment fund. Dave and Julie will try to attend the next Endowment Committee meeting.

Stewardship

Dave will kick off the pledge drive at the March 16 service. He will discuss what pledging means, how much funding we need to accomplish specific goals, and how much that means in terms of individuals' pledges. The pledge drive will then run for three weeks. Shams recommends consulting with Melissa James of UUA on how to run a successful pledge drive.

Sunday Services

Shams would like to have a lunch on April 27, when Melissa will be here for a combination worship service/workshop. Shams will make initial efforts to identify a captain for this. We could either promote this as a potluck or just pay for lunch.

Governance

The board reviewed the comments gathered during the February 9 Spiritual Café. Shams noted that she has already been doing some of the things suggested, such as participating in social action and interacting with the larger community; these could be more widely publicized.

Edy Young has volunteered to circulate signup sheets for small groups proposed during the Spiritual Café, asking who wants to be involved. The board is delighted to hear this.

There are numerous possible initiatives that the board does not have the bandwidth to lead. Dave suggests we invite individuals to be “captains” for these--they will own establishing a plan, getting a budget from the board if needed, and reporting to the board. For example, a captain could organize developing both an ideal budget and a realistic budget to vote on. Other examples: social action initiatives, children’s programs.

Dave suggests that board members attend committee meetings to show support for committees and recognition of their importance. If Shams’s role expands, she can help reinvigorate committees and identify likely captains.

The board approved the internet and social media policy circulated previously.

Will and Dan are working on improving the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Golbetz (Secretary)

Motions Approved

The board approved the January financial reports.

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Action Items

Dave and Julie: Attend Endowment Committee meeting

Lauri: Plan Soup with Shams event

Shams: Seek captain for lunch at Melissa James “workshop”

Will: Create shared Google folder for Fellowship