**MINUTES - BOARD MEETING**

**May 24, 2017 7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Sarah McNeill, Kristin Zebrowski (by Skype), Nancy Sumners, Larry Fredendall, Renee Mendola, Christine Prado, Scott Jaeschke, Terre Balof

Staff Present: N/A

Member present: Bing, Art, Del

Guest: N/A

Check in and Opening Words – Sarah

**Move to approve the April minutes as amended.**

* Motion: Scott
* Second: Nancy
* Approval: Unanimous

Planned Giving- Bing

* Planned giving is becoming more organized, there are now financial statements on demand.
* All investments have been transferred to Schwab. This quarter’s annualized growth was 16%, trending with the S&P 500. The goal is to roughly follow the stock market.
* This fall we will focus on targeted projects. Gimwade is making money, funds are now available for projects. Have the option to build up a reserve for emergency projects.

Landscaping Proposal- Art

* Discussed details of his landscaping proposal, which includes all native plants, pollinators, and clover, and other food for wildlife. Art will be responsible for the work and plants, Meg will have the option of choosing plants for the rain garden, the UUFC will need to remove existing Leyland cypress before woke begins in October/November.

**Move to accept the plan.**

* Motion: Tom
* Second: Scott
* Approval: Unanimous

Old business-Del

* Policy and Procedure Committee Briefing- The goal is to adopt guiding principles and streamline the process.
	+ Assumption that the leadership will work with good intentions. Policies and procedures will enable the board when possible, will build in flexibility to promote growth.
	+ Will contain a mission statement.
	+ Want to work on bylaws at the same time.
	+ All based on group consensus.
	+ Will provide a guide to adopted changes, showing history and rational for making changes. Guide will be provided to the congregation ahead of time.
	+ Will take comments from committees. Cecil has agreed to join the committee along with existing members Dell, Larry, and Elizabeth. Karen will be consulted.
	+ The board unanimously agrees to allow the committee to proceed as discussed.

Council of Committees- Christine

* A calendaring meeting will be held on the 31st.
* Holly and Ginny are co-chairing the worship committee.
* Social action committee is picking up.

Personnel- Renee

* Theresa’s title has changed to Director of Religious Lifespan Exploration.

Minister’s Report- Terre

* There will be a webinar on June 1st- Decentralized Whiteness in Worship by the UUA
* Discussed a joint project with other churches and the Islamic Center to provide free books for every child at Central Elementary School.
* Discussed Peace Congregation’s future and impact on our budget. Some Peace members may want to join the UUFC. Can we accommodate them? Provide a more Christian environment? A Christian covenant group is a possibility.

CFO Report- Larry

* The Finance committee will not be scheduling future fundraisers.
* Alan has a Square for money collection. We can acquire more Squares if needed. The Squares are *free*.
* Budget looks good so far.
* Discussed changes to budget planning, having individual committees do their own budgets, with the CoC handling the details. The Finance Committee would count the pennies but would not be involved in saying where the money goes. Further discussions are needed.
* Budget requests needed by July 31st.
* Congregational meeting will be held on June 11th.
* October 7th- UUA leaders are meeting for a planning session.
* Free survey software survey is hard to use. Better software is available for $360/year. Shared Ministry is also working on a survey.

**Motion to accept report.**

* Motion: Renee
* Second: Larry
* Approval: Unanimous

Benediction

**Adjourn****: 9:20 PM**