

UUFBR Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes May 2021

Date: May 10, 2021, 7 PM

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Sandy Troiano, co-president
Louise Malusis, co-president
Patrick Larson, vice president
Louis Merlin, secretary
Ron Lovell
Paul Libert, treasurer
Barbara Messick
Carlton Devot (late)

Guests:

Ellen and Charlie Cormier
Betty and John Tilton
Elon Bateman
Harris Riordan
Johnnie Rogers
Donna Musial
Paul Chasse
Patricia Rogers
Jennifer Ligeti
Celia Hirsch
Mary Wickensheimer
Rick Troiano
Brenda Smith

Chalice Lighting

Ron led us with a brief chalice lighting.

Call to order; Determination of Quorum

Called to order at 7:07 PM with a quorum of 7 trustees by Sandy Troiano.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of Minutes

Sandy moves to approve the minutes. Louise seconds. Minutes approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Committees to Investigate Sale of Property and Rental of Space for Worship

Louis moved that we reschedule the Congregational Meeting from May 23rd to June 20th. In the meantime, the board will form two committees. One committee will investigate the potential sale of the current UUFBR property

and the potential cost of acquiring other properties for a future church site in the greater Boca Raton area. The other committee will investigate potential rental locations for holding services in the interim, with a start date in fall of 2021. Both committees will report back to the board no later than Monday, June 7th. to examine the issue of sale of the property. Paul seconds the motion.

Paul moves to split the motion into two motions. Louis seconds. Motion to amend passes unanimously.

The first part of the motion, i.e., to form committees to investigate potential sale of the land and rental of a space for worship passes unanimously. The board will form two committees. One committee will investigate the potential sale of the current UUFBR property and the potential cost of acquiring other properties for a future church site in the greater Boca Raton area. The other committee will investigate potential rental locations for holding services in the interim, with a start date in fall of 2021.

The second part of the motion, i.e., to postpone congregational meeting to June 20th. Ayes 2 Nays 4. The motion was defeated. Meeting stays on May 23rd.

Paul moves that Donna negotiate with Fire Department on our behalf arguing that we are not required to immediately update the fire protection system for the sanctuary building at the present time. Barbara seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Patrick notes that we should upgrade the fire system even if we do not have to.

Louise moves that we form a committee to investigate renting out the RE building in its entirety. Sandy seconds.

Motion passes by a voice vote.

Committee investigating sale of property and rental of RE building will consist of Louis, Patricia, John, and Donna.

Committee to look into potential rental properties for worship will consist of Betty and Johnnie.

Agenda Item 3: Solutions to the Dumpster Issue

Louise makes a motion that we bury the powerlines to solve the dumpster issue. Sandy seconds. After a voice vote, the motion passes.

The board is going to recommend to the congregation that we bury the power lines and that we raise the appropriate capital funds to pay for such burial.

Louis makes a motion that we recommend to the congregation that we immediately pursue funding for a new fire alarm system for the sanctuary building. Sandy seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: Structure of a Capital Campaign

Sandy moves that we ask the congregation to tell the endowment committee that they should offer a grant of \$30,000 to be spent on burying the powerlines and/or installing a fire alarm system in the sanctuary building. Paul seconds.

Louis moves that we amend the motion for the endowment committee to match a capital campaign dollar-for-dollar up to \$30,000. Louis – Aye, Ron – Aye, Barbara – Abstain, Carlton – Aye, Paul – No, Sandy – No, Patrick – No, Carlton – Aye, Louise – Aye. Amendment passes by a vote of 4 Ayes and 3 Nays.

Amended motion is that we ask the congregation to direct the endowment committee to offer a capital campaign match dollar-for-dollar up to \$30,000, with the funds to be spent on burying the powerlines and/or and installing a fire alarm system in the sanctuary building.

Amended motion passes by voice vote.

Sandy makes a motion asking the congregation to approve a capital campaign with a proposed target of at least \$60,000 to be raised by congregational donations in FY 2021. As the campaign raises each increment of \$5,000 the congregation will tell that it be matched by the endowment committee. This grant will be applied first to burying the powerlines and installing a fire alarm system in the sanctuary building and then to other capital projects as funds allow. Louis seconds the motion.

Motions passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Fire Equipment Replacement Contract

Paul proposes to rescind the motion approved by the board at its April meeting, awarding the contract to Dade Broward Fire, because of their lack of insurance coverage, and award the contract to FLFD Inspections, with the goal of to replacing fire extinguishers and related equipment. Sandy seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: Delegate to the UUA General Assembly

Sandy moves that Carolyn Brown is delegate to General Assembly. Louise seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned 9:14 PM.