

# UUFBR Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes: Special Budget Meeting

Date: April 4, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

## In Attendance:

### **Board Members:**

Sandy Troiano, Co-President

Louis Merlin, Secretary

Paul Libert, Treasurer

John Tilton

Carole Stephens

Patrick Larson, Vice President

Bill Jensen (joined late)

### **Guests:**

Patricia Rogers

Celia Hirsch

Rick Troiano

Reverend Harris Riordan

Betty Tilton

Mitch Major (joined late)

## Agenda Item 1: Called to Order 7:04 PM

Called to order by Sandy Troiano with 6 trustees present.

## Agenda Item 2: Discussion of Proposed FY 2023 Budget

Paul Libert reported that the Capital Campaign is currently expecting a \$69,000 surplus. He and Patrick have reviewed, project by project, the likely costs and overruns of each project included in the White Paper.

Patricia Rogers (Chair, Finance Committee) and Paul Libert led the board in a review and discussion of the proposed FY 2023 budget line-by-line with a focus on the following items: Bookkeeper expenses, Interim Ministry benefits expenses, Membership expenses, Religious Education expenses, Musical Director expenses, Event expenses, Maintenance expenses, and Insurance expenses. Specifically, Paul and Patricia recommended fully or partially restoring funds cut by the Finance Committee. They also increased funds for the Interim Minister, per the request of Interim Minister Committee Chair Betty Tilton.

Sandy Troiano proposed that with the consent of volunteering donors, we transfer \$23,000 from the Capital Campaign to the 2023 Operating Budget. Paul Libert seconded.

Sandy moved to table her motion.

**Louis Merlin proposed an amendment to Sandy's motion to say up to \$23,000. Sandy Troiano seconded the amendment. The amendment passed unanimously**

**The new motion states: With the consent of volunteering donors, the Board of Trustees will transfer up to \$23,000 from the Capital Campaign to the 2023 Operating Budget. Paul Libert seconded. The amended motion passed unanimously.**

**Sandy Troiano moved to make the UUA dues \$12,000 for the budget. Barbara Messick seconded. Carole Stephens – Yes. John Tilton – Yes. Louis Merlin – Yes. Patrick Larson – No. Paul Libert – No. Sandy Troiano – Yes. The motion passed.**

**Sandy Troiano moved that we approve the proposed budget and send it to the Congregation for consideration. John Tilton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

A special Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> on the FY 2023 Budget.

Louis Merlin asked the Board to consider the potential benefits of Zoom-only Congregational meetings. He explained the difficulty of accurate voting with hybrid meetings.

**Sandy Troiano moved that the Board approve the amendment to Article VIII, Section 1, to our By-laws proposed by the Endowment Committee and already approved by the Congregation. Bill Jensen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Patrick Larson discussed several quotes for exterior painting and tree pruning, but the board did not vote on these proposals at this meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Louis Merlin