

MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2024 MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
FELLOWSHIP OF BOCA RATON

PRESENT: Co-presidents Judy Keiser & Carole Stephens; Treasurer Bill Jensen; Secretary Lynn Smith; VP/Facilities Patrick Larson; Interim Minister Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey; Trustees Claire Smith, Rajeev Arora, Rick Troiano, Howard Prentice; guests Mitch Major, Betty & John Tilton, Jon Garberg.

After Rev. Kathy's Leadership Development session on technical vs. adaptive leadership (the Braver Angels model), Claire lit the chalice with opening words, there was a brief check-in and Judy called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m. The Minutes of the Feb. 22 Board meeting were approved, along with the Minutes of the March 14 meeting of the Board and Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Claire said the Mission & Vision group has had five meetings and that things were going fine. Rajeev, speaking for the Ministerial Search group, said that we had not gotten any candidates yet but that one person who had expressed interest directly to us; he was told to go through the UUA. Rev. Kathy said she had asked administrator Ruth Amisial to ask UUA administrators to change our budget for 2022-23 on our application to \$241,125.

Bill said no additional pledges in the Stewardship campaign had come in but Carole said she had submitted her pledge and Rev. Kathy added that Ruth may have gotten a few this past week. Bill said that the Treasurer's report for the month ending March 31 obviously is not in yet and that he will try to have it for our next meeting on April 4. Rev. Kathy said she would have a more complete minister's report at our April 4 Board meeting. There was discussion of renewing Marina Machado's contract; it would be handled in an executive session after this meeting. Patrick reported that the fire closet will be in the northeast storage corner and that he is soliciting bids and vetting bidders.

Finance Committee chair Patricia will give her report on April 4. Sharex co-chair Betty said we will be hosting a rent-paying summer camp June 3-July 10 and that a Jewish humanist group has signed a contract to rent space during the Jewish High Holy Days. Betty said she and John had no Sharex report because her computer was hacked.

OLD BUSINESS: Two items were discussed: The first was a petition the Board received from some congregants regarding the UUA's proposed revision of our Article II Principles and Purposes. It was decided that Discernment sessions would be held on April 13 & 14, a full exchange of views would take place on April 21, and a Special Congregational Meeting will be scheduled for May 19. The second item was the formation of a Coordinating Committee whose function would be to try to avoid schedule conflicts among congregational events and increase communication among committees. It also would help ask the question: "Does this program conform to our Mission and Vision?" Administrator Ruth Amisial would work with the committee to post a congregational calendar. We already have a program fair in the fall and spring to help improve communication. No action was taken tonight.

NEW BUSINESS: After motions by Rick and Carole, Rajeev and Claire were nominated as co-presidents for the 2024-25 church year; after a motion by Rajeev seconded by Lynn, Judy was nominated to replace Lynn as Secretary. Bill will remain as Treasurer. Lynn and Carole will be Trustees at large. The Board voted to accept the nominations.

After a motion by Rajeev seconded by Claire, the Board approved an amendment to the Endowment Committee bylaws that was discussed at the March 24 special congregational budget meeting. It says that any committee member who serves more than 18 months of a three-year term will only be eligible to serve one more term, and anybody who serves less than 18 months would be able to serve two more terms.

REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Patricia Rogers, Sharon Drew and Louis Merlin were reappointed by the co-presidents as chairs of Finance, Membership and IT Committees, respectively.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was discussion about using the new modified Robert's Rules for small nonprofits for Board meetings. After a motion by Rajeev seconded by Rick, the new rules were adopted.

After an executive session, a one-month contract for Marina Machado was approved.

Carole thanked Judy for all her hard work over the past three years, and she got a round of applause; Carole provided closing words.

After a brief check-out, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Smith, Secretary, UU Fellowship of Boca Raton