

NATURE COAST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES
March 14, 2022

Attendees:

In Person: Bree Hill

Zoom: Connie Hart, Margo Wilson, John Ivens, Shirley Leonard, Don Wright, John Comer

Visitors Via Zoom: Jean McCauley, Gordon Hart, Rob DeRemer (later appointed to board)

Absent: Lowell Smith

I. NCUU Covenant. John called the meeting to order and read the covenant.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Feb. 14, 2022, Board Meeting

Shirley moved and Connie seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

III. Clerk's Report. Margo asked permission to prepare an abbreviated version of the minutes. Don moved and John seconded her request. The motion passed.

Margo also asked for direction about how to handle the notice of the annual meeting and the vote for new officers, new budget, and possible bylaws change. It was the consensus of the board that the vote would be by U.S. mail. Margo will send the ballot by U.S. mail to the voting members. The board agreed to add Anna Walker to the list of 39 voting members. Shirley moved and Don seconded that the ballots be received by April 30. It was the consensus of the board that any bylaws changes will be postponed till next year.

John appointed Rob DeRemer to replace Amy Haiken on the board.

IV. Treasurer's Report. Jean said for Share the Plate, more money came in for the Spot. CASA received \$450, including \$100 from the President's Fund. The six-month CD rolled over. It's still at 0.3%. Shirley moved and Bree and Rob seconded to accept the BVR and Treasurer's Report for February. The motion passed.

IV. President's Report. Shirley moved and John Ivens, Don, and Bree seconded to not keep the sign-in sheet at the Sunday service that would help track down attendees in the event of a COVID outbreak. The motion passed with Margo voting against it.

The board agreed to discuss at the March 28 meeting a request by Pam Ricker to drop the mask requirement in the sanctuary.

V. Vice President's Report. Connie asked if the board should have a timekeeper. Margo moved and Shirley seconded that Bree be the timekeeper. The motion passed.

Shirley moved and John Ivens and Connie seconded to accept the Nominating Committee's report for the slate of officers for 2022-2024. The motion passed.

John Ivens moved and Rob seconded to accept the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The motion passed.

V. Standing Committees

A. Building Committee. No report submitted.

B. Bylaws Committee. No report submitted.

C. Caring. No report submitted.

D. Council of Committees. No report submitted.

E. Denominational Affairs. Bree said at the cluster meeting, attendees wanted to know how many congregations might send participants to the St. Petersburg Pride parade in June. John Ivens moved that the congregation pay \$250 for Bree to attend UUA'S General Assembly in June. Connie seconded. The motion passed. The money comes from the Denominational Affairs budget. Bree will attend the session virtually. NCUU can send an additional delegate. The matter will be discussed further at the March 28 board meeting.

F. Finance Committee. Shirley said the budget is balanced. Income = outgo. She said because of inflation, the board increased most budgets by 3% or more. The Finance Committee's budget is up because QuickBooks increased its rate to \$50 a month, up from the introductory rate of \$20 a month. Shirley said the church is in pretty good financial shape.

G. Grounds: No report submitted.

H. Long-Range Planning: Although it's not for sale, the land next-door to the church, which is a double lot, is estimated to cost between \$60,000 and \$120,000, Jean said.

I. Media and Technology: No report submitted.

J. Membership. No report submitted.

K. Religious Education. No report submitted.

L. Social Activities: John said plans are underway for a potluck for Easter. There will be a signup sheet, and members are to bring a dish to pass that will serve 20 people.

M. Social Justice: Report submitted. Don said his committee would like to spend money on more chairs for the patio. There were no objections. John Ivens said he's been involved with a study group with Veterans for Peace since 2014, studying issues about Ukraine. He suggested the Social Justice Committee do the same thing. The committee has been trying to reach out to black community leaders. Related to this,

John Ivens is to get in touch with Al Hopkins. Margo is to send the phone number of Lizzie Jenkins Robinson to John. John also will get in touch with other African American community leaders.

N. Sunday Service: Report submitted.

VI. Old Business. None.

VII. Unfinished Business.

A. The Eighth Principle. No discussion.

B. Share the Plate for April. John said Linda Myers had suggested that NCUU explore the possibility of sponsoring a Ukraine family. The board agreed by consensus to have Share the Plate go to UUSC, designating the money be for Ukraine relief. UUA also has an online donation site for Ukraine issues. Members could donate to both sources.

C. Wildlife Society. John said he feels it's OK for the Wildlife Society to use the building. Connie said she will tell the society representative that the group no longer needs to have members sign their names on a sheet that could be used for COVID tracing. Connie said the group will get back to her after it finds a speaker.

D. Connie said we need a celebration of Joan Burnett. John said we should address this at the next board meeting.

E. The board agreed to meet March 28. John Comer is to be the Zoom host.

VIII. New Business. There was no new business.

IX. Adjournment. John Ivens moved and Margo, Shirley, and Don seconded to adjourn. By consensus, the board agreed to adjourn.

The next board meeting is March 28 at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom.

