

**NATURE COAST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
MINUTES  
May 9, 2022

**Attendees:**

**Zoom:** Connie Hart, Margo Wilson, Shirley Leonard, Don Wright, Rob DeRemer, John Ivens,  
Lowell Smith, Mike Taylor, Carole Goodwin  
**Visitors Via Zoom:** Bree Hill, Jean McCauley, John Comer

**I. NCUU Covenant.** Don read the covenant.

**II. A. Approval of the Minutes of the April 11, 2022, Board Meeting**

The minutes were approved.

**B. Approval of the Minutes of the April 10, 2022, Annual Meeting**

Connie asked that the annual meeting minutes say, "Annual Meeting Notes," not "Annual Meeting Agenda." Margo said it was a copy-paste error, and she will fix the mistake. The minutes were approved.

**III. President's Report**

Don said Linda Myers has asked that we focus on the Eighth Principle in the coming year, and Linda would support us approving the Eighth Principle.

Don also said Linda has suggested the board add a public comment time to the board meetings. The board voted and approved that a public comment section will be added at the beginning of each board meeting. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes, with a maximum time for comments of 15 minutes.

**IV. Vice President's Report**

Connie reviewed the material she had submitted about committee liaisons to the board, about who is on each committee, and about the committee functions. John Ivens volunteered to join the Sunday Service Committee and be its liaison. Carole volunteered to be the liaison for Denominational Affairs. The board didn't act on what to do about the Bylaws Committee, since it doesn't have a chair and hasn't met for a little while. John Comer said he is the chair of Long-Range Planning. Mike Taylor volunteered to be the Social Activities liaison. Don said he will call a meeting of Social Justice to elect a chair.

**V. Clerk's Report**

Margo reviewed the voting results of the annual meeting. Thirty-eight people voted. All ballot items passed.

She also said she had forwarded to the board information from Bill Trice about the estate of Mary Louise DeWolf. The estate needs NCUU's tax ID number and other information because NCUU is to receive some money from the estate. Jean said she would be in touch with Bill Trice. It also was stated that Woody Harding has been

in touch.

**Treasurer's Report.** (BVR and Treasurer's Report submitted). Jean mentioned that although she had reported at the previous board meeting that the interest went down on the CDs, that was for the month of February. The interest was back up in March, which has more days. She also said the surplus left over from last fiscal year – about \$7,000 -- has rolled into the General Fund. Jean said she will be reinstating two forms – one, a purchase requisition form for when someone asks her to order something, and the other, a reimbursement form, for when someone wants to be reimbursed. She reviewed how the cost of monthly housekeeping will increase to \$162.50 in May, up from \$150, and mowing will increase to \$230 a month with the June payment, up from \$190. She said Share the Plate for the Ukraine raised \$770 in April and she had asked UUA to tell her how much was donated to UUA's Ukraine fund online by NCUU members. The board approved the Treasurer's Report.

## VI. Standing Committees

- A. Building Committee.** Lowell asked for some clarification on what he's responsible for.
- B. Bylaws Committee.** The board delayed deciding on the committee's future.
- C. Caring.** Connie discussed the report she had submitted about members who are ill.
- D. Council of Committees.** Connie would like to schedule a meeting in June, before the next board meeting. Connie said only three or four people attended the previous meeting. It's important that committee chairs attend, she said.
- E. Denominational Affairs.** Carole has joined the committee.
- F. Finance Committee.** Shirley said Jean had covered most of the finance-related items. The committee also had submitted a report, prior to the meeting.
- G. Grounds:** Bree said no one had shown up the past Friday because Bree was ill and others weren't available. Often, the committee just is Bree. It was suggested that Bree get some help, even if it's paid help. Bree said memorial plaques have been ordered for those members who passed away while the church was closed. She said it usually takes a few weeks to receive the plaques.
- H. Long-Range Planning:** John Comer, the new chair, said discussion about acquiring adjacent property may be proceeding soon.
- I. Media and Technology:** Connie said efforts are being made to improve the sound quality on Zoom. Margo said it would be helpful if the Sunday Service Committee alerted her about interesting speakers, and she will try to get an article in the Chronicle.

**J. Membership.** Connie said continuing efforts are being made to attract new members.

**K. Religious Education.** No report submitted.

**L. Social Activities:** No report submitted. The board was reminded of the catered lunch and sanctuary dedication for Joan Burnett at the May 15 Sunday service.

**M. Social Justice:** Don said Social Justice may hold a discussion about the Eighth Principle.

**N. Sunday Service:** Report submitted. Jean said the Sunday Service Committee has a speaker scheduled who is a UU lay minister and will address the Eighth Principle, presumably from a pro-Eighth Principle perspective. The committee is looking for someone to speak from an anti-Eighth Principle perspective.

**VII. Old Business.** None.

**VIII. Unfinished Business.**

**A. The Eighth Principle.** Discussion of the Eighth Principle will continue. See above.

**B. Share the Plate for June.** It was proposed that an LGBTQ group receive Share the Plate funds for June. John C. said he'd check with Nathan Sharp for a group. The board agreed to vote by email whether to approve the group.

**C. Wearing of Masks in the Sanctuary.** The board first voted 4-4 on a motion by Lowell to make wearing of masks optional. Lowell then amended his motion to require masks for another month. The board agreed to reconsider its mask policy in June.

**D. Joan Burnett Volunteer Appreciation Award.** The board tabled until June a decision about whether to continue with the award.

**IX. New Business.**

**A. Board Meetings Once or Twice a Month.** Don proposed the board meet once, not twice, a month. The board agreed.

**X. Adjournment.** The board voted to adjourn.

**The next board meeting will be June 13 at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom.**

