

BOARD OF TRUSTEES TRI-COUNTY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

Attending: Jake Bishop (ZOOM), Nancy Garrison (Ex-Officio), Cindy Grossman, Helene Kirschbaum (Guest), Eileen McCabe, Lenore Mickelson, Joyce Mills, Brenda Nelson, Rev. Kristina Spaude (Ex-Officio), Bruce Twiss

Cindy convened the meeting of Tri-County Unitarian Universalists Board of Trustees at 1:03 pm Monday, September 16, 2024. A quorum was certified. Brenda Nelson read the opening chalice message and Bruce Twiss read the Board Covenant. The minutes of the August 19, 2024 meeting were accepted as written.

## REPORTS

**FINANCE:** 42% of the fiscal year is completed. 34% of the budgeted expenses are spent with 74.25% of the budgeted revenues collected. Jake commented that electrical expenses for the 2 years of closure of the building was not a good representation of cost for use of facilities.

**PROGRAM COUNCIL:** Bruce reported that the summary of the teams as presented at the September 9 meeting is thorough. Music, Climate Action and the Welcoming Congregation are all separate teams. He recommends revising the Procedural Manual to reflect accurately the number of teams. The Program Council functions because everyone works to perform tasks.

**MINISTER'S REPORT:** In summary, Rev. Kristina has worked with Helene to plan worship coverage into early 2025. She has attended team meetings of Worship, Membership and the Program Council and met with the music director, Tom Zitkovic.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Communications Team

Lenore reported:

- Nancy Garrison is doing Constant Contact and ICON.
- Marie Lujanac is publishing a monthly newsletter. Submission of articles is requested by the 26<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- Cynthia Alicea keeps the calendar current.
- Myra Symons maintains the Tri UU website and does the weekly Timetable
- Nancy will listen to a recording from Constant Contact and share information with Lenore.
- Lenore and Nancy will address concerns about the newsletter at the next meeting of the team.
- Joyce will compile a list of teams, team leaders and contact information for them to be posted on the bulletin board in the Chalice Room.

### Treasurer Apprentice

No one has been identified for the position.

Rev. Kristina recommended contacting the Tarpon Springs UU regarding their use of Breeze as a potential tool for Tri UU.

### **Key Data Points**

- Current membership is 85, associate members 8 and friends 20.
- Average weekly attendance is 67.
- Attendance at events
  - Drumming circle 5 (9/9/24)
  - Forum (League of Women Voters on Florida Amendments) and PotLuck 35 (9/12/24)
  - Ocala Coffee Group , varies from 2-7, Wednesdays at 10:00
  - Meditation 3 Alternating Thursdays, 9/12/24

### **Thank you notes to:**

- Bill and Andrea Coburn for donation of funds for the Starlink system, equipment and installation fee
- Nancy Solberg for donation of the organ
- Diane Carlin for donation of the organ
- Gretchen Lewis for her years as coordinator of Hospitality and Chalice Keepers
- Marie Lujanac for publishing the first Tri UU newsletter.
- Jim Knight for assisting with the newsletter

**\*\*\*Motion. Joyce Mills moved, Brenda Nelson seconded, to give a \$50.00 gift card to Jim Knight for assisting with the first monthly Tri UU newsletter. Motion passed unanimously, 7 in favor.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board has identified Board members to be liaisons with the Teams. This confirms to the Teams that they have the support of the Board. Teams are empowered to perform tasks without the need for Board approval.

### **Forum schedule:**

- October 10, 2024 "Forward Paths: Tiny Houses and Big Hearts"
- November 14, 2024 "Imposter Feelings" with RJ Jenkins
- December 12, 2024 "Mary McLeod Bethune" with Lisa French

### **Tri UU sign on 135<sup>th</sup> Street**

A new board is to be installed on the sign next week and new letters for it. Bruce will work with Ray Ellis to keep the sign message current. Lenore and Nancy will work with the communications team to develop the type of message and the frequency of a message. October should include the October 10 Forum and the Halloween Party.

### **Event publicity**

Communications will develop a checklist for publicity. The team will ask for a volunteer to do flyers for events.

### **Color copy machine**

It is suggested that a color copy machine is needed for Tri UU. Bruce has included the cost of one in the budget for Building and Grounds.

### **Name change**

**\*\*\*Motion: Joyce Mills moved, Lenore Mickelson seconded, that the Right Relations Team can change the name to Congregational Relations Team. Motion passed unanimously, 7 in favor.**

### **Simplifying processes**

Requests have been made to simplify checklists for the worship leaders and those who host coffee hour Sunday mornings. Helene will do that for the Worship Team.

### **Announcements about health**

Rev. Kristina and Nancy Garrison (Care Team) will decide what announcements to make about health issues of congregants.

### **Membership**

The process for membership has been reduced to attendance at one session. November 2, 2024 and January 25, 2025 are two dates for Nu to UU classes.

It is recommended that we reach out to members who are considering leaving the congregation.

Joyce volunteered to contact members of the Stewardship Team about soliciting support of former members or others who have expressed a desire to donate to Tri UU.

The meeting adjourned at 3:17.

Members summarized the meeting as "very productive."

The next meeting is Monday, October 21, 2024.

Recording Secretary,

Joyce Mills