

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County**

**Board Minutes – Thursday, March 3, 2022**

Item	Summary
	<p><b>Board Members: Shirley Adams, Madeleine Baker, Stan Blazyk, Mary Case, Kathy Link, Susan Syler, Suzette Tardif</b></p> <p><b>Absent: Steve Townley</b></p> <p><b>Guests: Linda Hertel, Jay Englishbee, Sandra Sullivan</b></p>
<b>Opening</b>	Mary called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with lighting of the Chalice.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	February minutes were presented for approval. Madeleine Baker made a motion for approval and Stan Blazyk seconded. The February minutes were approved unanimously.
<b>President's Report</b>	There was no President's Report.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>The Monthly Reports for January were presented by Stan Blazyk. After discussion, Susan Syler made a motion that they be approved. Kathy Link seconded and the Reports were approved unanimously.</p> <p>Stan presented an abbreviated financial report for the month of February. A discussion was had about the purpose of abbreviated report. Stan stated that he had insufficient information to prepare more detailed report. Mary presented an excel spreadsheet which someone could complete by filling in numbers. There was also discussion of having this spreadsheet stored on Google drive which could easily be accessed. A discussion was had as to whether filling in the spreadsheet was the duty of the Treasurer, and that Bylaws might need to be changed. Stan stated that the Finance Committee will meet and make recommendations.</p> <p>The CUSO Investment Fund was discussed. Sandra Sullivan questioned donations to the Texas Justice League. It was explained that those donations were made in the spring, and the donation was \$2.00 per member.</p> <p><u>Annual Meeting/ Pledge Sunday</u> Pledge Sunday will be March 13 and will include numerous musicians and will focus on appreciation. Mary stated that if anyone wanted to deliver a message about giving, they should see her. It was suggested that we should ask the Fellowship how they would like to see money spent. It was suggested that Pledge Cards include a "same as last year" space as well as "increase my pledge." Pledge cards will be handed out at the March 13 program.</p>
<b>Committee Reports</b>	<p>Suzette presented Committee Reports as chair of the Coordinating Committee.</p> <p><u>Beautification Committee</u> Suzette made a motion that the work proposed by the Beautification Committee get started. Madeleine Baker seconded. A discussion ensued about the Religious Education room, removal of the cabinets in the living room, and where coffee would be served. There was discussion about reusing the cabinets as they were of high quality. Madeleine amended motion that a professional would be consulted about the cabinets, but that plans could proceed with book consolidation, having</p>

	<p>rugs and furniture cleaned. Susan Syler stated that she would get with Tom about the cabinets. The motion, as amended, passed.</p> <p><u>Age Diversity Committee</u> Suzette presented written report of her meeting with younger members and ways to attract and include younger members. The report will be reviewed by the Board and discussed at a later Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Committee Structure</u> Suzette presented her report on the structure of the Committees and how the committees function within the guidelines of the Bylaws. A lengthy discussion was had as to which should be standing committees and which are driven by organization. Charters have been prepared of some committees. Suzette stated that there was no existing backup of essential functions. Madeleine said that someone from the UUA would be useful in moving forward. No motion was put forward, and Suzette said that a task force could be created to ensure that administrative functions of the fellowship are suitably covered.</p> <p><u>Roof Repair</u> Mary reported that Tom Hall had an RFP out to 3 contractors.</p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p><u>Update on Health &amp; Safety Protocols</u> Suzette reviewed email she had previously sent to Board reviewing CDC findings and local hospitalizations. Suzette's email recommended that all who attended in person services be completely vaccinated; retain a mask-required section in the Sanctuary; all other portions of the Fellowship will be mask optional; and masks will not be required while singing. Shirley made a motion to adopt these new rules and Susan Syler seconded. The motion passed unanimously</p> <p><u>Replace Lights in Sanctuary</u> LED lights are being used when lights burn out. There was a discussion that the foyer needed to have brighter lights.</p> <p><u>Purchase multi-directional microphone</u> James Johnson is obtaining more information and will report back.</p> <p><u>Make Online part of Dual Platform Non-Participatory</u> Madeleine Baker made motion that we retain Zoom online services but limit the participation. Susan Syler seconded. There was lengthy discussion that the dual platform services allowed out of town members/guests to attend. There was also discussion about the services being about developing community, and that having dual platform services hindered that. Mary Case made a motion to amend the original motion that limiting participation in the dual platform services specify a time frame. After discussion, it was decided that participation from the online attendees would end in June. The motion passed.</p> <p><u>UU General Assembly Assistance.</u> Mary reported that two members are planning to attend the UU General Assembly in Portland and suggested that the Fellowship pay the registration costs at \$475.00 per person. Susan Syler made the motion that registrations costs be covered. Stan seconded and the motion passed.</p>

<b>Old Business</b>	<p><u>Breeze email to members</u> Mary stated that if any member wanted to send an email to the entire member list that they should contact either her or Margaret would give instructions.</p> <p><u>Attic Treasure Sale</u> There will be a meeting on March 6 to determine the interest of having the sale this year.</p> <p><u>Bylaws Update</u> A vote on the changes to the Bylaws is tabled to April. Notice to members to adopt changes should be sent out 30 days prior to Annual Meeting</p> <p><u>Gastrochurch event at UU Fellowship March 18</u> Announcement was placed in UU Newsletter. The event will be 7:00 p.m. March 18.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Next meeting:</u> April 7, 2022 6:00 p.m. Fellowship</p>

Submitted by: Shirley Adams, Secretary