Minutes of UUCSF Board Meeting

August 12, 2021

(Board comments are in *italics*; action items are in ***bold italics***)

People Attending[[1]](#footnote-1):

Linda Engbrenghof

Patience Halsey-Sherman

Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson

Ingrid Krinke

Tip Brolin

Martha Potter

David Holstein

Ken Dorph

Mark Potter

**Agenda**:

**Consent Agenda**

* August 12, 2021 UUCSF Board Meeting Agenda
* August 2021 Minister Board Report\*
* 2021 HICO Proposal Board Materials – already approved
* July 31 2021 Monthly Financial Report\*
* July 2021 LIAC Reports
* July 8, 2021 final meeting minutes\*

The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

**Discussion Agenda**

* Re-opening – Linda noted that circumstances have changed since the recommendations from the re-opening committee were adopted. She recommended that we form another re-opening committee to review the situation and make recommendations. The Board agreed.

*The new committee will constitute Ingrid, Martha, Ken, Tip and Rev. Kimberly.* Rev. Kimberly will send results of the re-opening survey of one year ago to the committee members for their information in case the committee wants to re-issue the survey. Telephone contact may also be made with members/friends.

* Rentals - Ingrid reported that Zendo has signed a contract for 2 yrs. Shine is ready to sign a contract for one year. Ingrid has checked the Shine references and they are excellent. *The Board agreed with Ingrid’s recommendation regarding monthly rental.* Both contracts will be effective October 1.
* Rev. Kimberly recommended that the UUCSF join the New York UU Justice Action Network. The Network enables UUs to joins together at the State level to lobby for items we favor. This would cost us .25% of our annual budget or about $500/yr. The Board voted in favor, 4-0.
* Revision of our Council meetings – Several people noted that we should improve the current Council meetings to get the most benefit from them. This discussion will continue at the next Board meeting.
* Sociocracy video – Not discussed
* Meeting Evaluation: Process Evaluation Tool – not discussed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Prepared by: Tip Brolin

Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Fork

**Minister’s Board Report**

August 2021

**MISSION**

We are a spiritual community.

We honor every individual’s search for truth and meaning.

We act against exclusion, oppression, and violence.

We nurture the health of the earth.

We strive for peace in our hearts and in the world around us.

When fear strikes, we stand on the side of love.

**Care and Connection (Membership and Pastoral Care)**

The Care and Connection team hosted an outdoor gathering on July 24, with modest attendance. The team is considering more outdoor gatherings for the summer

Beginning September, I will host a monthly New to UU Session on the first Sunday of the month, directly following worship.

**Faith Formation (Worship and Religious Exploration)**

The worship team is progressing toward equipping our sanctuary for multiplatform worship. We expect to be prepared by the end of August.

Beginning in September, I will be offering a monthly session to explore the contemplative practice of Lectio Divina. I will offer both an in-person and Zoom option, both capped at 10 participants.

**Building and Grounds**

In preparation for multiplatform worship (see above) we are running a wire directly from our internet router to the sanctuary so that we can connect through ethernet (instead of wifi, which is less stable).

**Governance**

New York UU Justice (NYUUJ) our new state action network is requesting a congregational commitment in support of its work. The request is that we join as a founding congregation with a commitment of ¼ of 1% of our operating budget. The state action network is an opportunity for our congregation to magnify our impact by joining with other UU congregations across the state. I serve on the Board of NYUUJ.

I have been receiving lots of questions about reopening. My recommendation is that the Board communicate more regularly on the status of re-opening, even if that update is to assure the congregation that we are monitoring the situation and that there are no changes.

**My Time Away from August – October**

* August 16 – 29 — ¼ time away (I will be prepping my class on Women’s and Gender Studies for New Jersey City University)
* October 11 – 17 — ¼ time away (I’ll be working with the UU Women’s Federation)
* October 18 – 24 — Study Leave

UUCSF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2021

This month’s report is briefer than usual because it’s too early in the fiscal year for anything to be meaningful.

As of July 31, the following benchmarks were shown on QuickBooks.

Total Bank Accounts stood at $50,363, down from $59,871 at the end of June.

The balance in the Helping Hand Fund was $2,580, unchanged from last month.

Available Funds stood at $41,812, down from $51,319.

Our operating deficit at the end of July stood at $9,433.

REPORT PREPARED BY JOHN ANDREWS, August 3, 2021

Minutes of UUCSF Board Meeting

July 8, 2021

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People Attending[[2]](#footnote-2):

Linda Engbrenghof

Kathy Engel

Patience Halsey-Sherman

Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson

Ingrid Krinke

Tip Brolin

**Agenda**:

**Consent Agenda**

* Finance/Treasurer report
* Meetinghouse Reopening report
* New Tenancy report
* July 2021 Minister report
* UUCSF Board of Trustees Job Descriptions
* June 2021 LIAC reports
* Signatory update at DIME bank
* June 10 2021 final meeting minutes

Linda proposed that, to reduce the time that the Board may spend on routine matters requiring no action, we should expand the consent agenda to include routine reports submitted to the Board such as those listed above. The Board agreed.

The Consent Agenda was approved subject to changing the reopening report to note that *action regarding hybrid services is by the Worship Committee, not the Committee on Shared Ministry.*

**Discussion Agenda**

* Dynamic governance; Decentralizing Leadership introduction

Linda introduced this topic (see https:[//w](http://www.uu4.org/le4dership/libr4ry/sociocr4cy-resources)ww[.uua.org/leadership/library/sociocracy-resources](http://www.uu4.org/le4dership/libr4ry/sociocr4cy-resources) for more information). *Those who have not yet watched the video explaining the process were requested to do so in preparation for a future discussion.*

* Meeting Evaluation: Process Evaluation Tool

The form was discussed and filled out, with good marks as to how the meeting was conducted, including ensuring that all attendees were given the opportunity to speak. A more detailed breakdown is available from Linda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (reported separately)**

The meeting was adjourned at 1930.

Prepared by: Tip Brolin

1. Via Zoom

\*Copy attached [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Via Zoom [↑](#footnote-ref-2)