

UUFBR Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

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May 27, 2026

Present: Trustees: Copresident Rajeev Arora, Treasurer Howard Prentice, Secretary Judy Keiser, VP/Facilities Patrick Larson, Trustee at large Lynn Smith

Guests: Mitch Major, Linda Prentice

Gathering: Chalice Lighting/Opening Words (Judy); Check-in (Judy); Vibe-checker (Patrick); Time-minder (Howard)

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 with a quorum of four trustees, and Rajeev welcomed guests and visitors.

Minutes of the 04/22/26 Board Meeting were approved without discussion.

1. Staff Report – Marina. Machado: No report.
2. Administrative Reports
 - a. Treasurer – Howard: sent written report of revised budget and income and expenses. Highlights: proposed budget Sharex numbers were too low – instead of generating \$50k, Sharex has risen and will be closer to \$70k. Discussion was held regarding revision to budget; conclusion was that budget passed by congregation must remain in the form passed; can reflect changed circumstances in income and expenses reports. Action Item: Revise income and expense report to delete mention of Zen Buddhist Sharex partner, add \$24k from Malussis fund, and add \$17k from H4U. Mitch will ask Robert Duchemin to restore historical budget and correct income and expenses report.
 - b. VP Facilities – Patrick:
 - 1- got only 1 quote on electrical repair to parking lot lights, which was high: \$7600 because of the need to do horizontal boring first. Need other bids? Consensus: Good idea because of size of cost. Alternative idea– string wire through air from top of building, not underground. Can ask about that. Storms cause blackouts unless wires are underground.
 - 2- Should we hire attorney to get advice re: money owed, call 811 number to report illegal digging? No response received from email and mail and phone attempts. Attorney who helped in past on volunteer basis could be resource. Rajeev will reach out.
 - 3- Mitch and Patrick continue to work on capital projects for future capital campaign.
 - c. Sharex – Linda:
 - 1- Weekly Sharex partners are happy in Hartley Brown Room. Got donated office furniture from Pinecrest, may use cabinets in Hartley Brown as storage for AA partners.
 - 2- Hybrid contract with Tai Chi is going well. Volunteers in kitchen from Tai Chi group help clean up. Still need correct location info but they're enthusiastic.
 - 3- New contracts for one-time events give us needed information so we can update our procedures, for instance length of time needed to set up for events. Learning: we need to discuss actual needs with potential Sharex partners, and build into contracts.

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- 4- Access to Sanctuary: patio door to Sanctuary still needs fixing to help avoid Osias. Contradance uses Osias back door, gaining momentum – want to use. Need a solution before September event for High Holidays. Need to fix parking lot lights by then also.
- 5- Request for armed security guard 4 evenings during September: Discussion:
 - This partner is a repeat partner, a congregation seeking a place to hold services. Negotiations about prices, spaces did not include discussion of security guard.
 - Trained security guards ok – weapons? Training in handling disruptive people. Level of security training needed.
 - Difference between our own social justice event and another group renting our space.
 - Benchmarks to consider: Past history of board discussions and decisions on this topic. Interfaith groups like BRICA can be helpful in directing actions. JAM public events had armed security.
 - Our history and congregation’s opinions. New conflicts facing Jewish community. New perspective on armed officers, due to current ICE controversy. Our policy is no weapons on the property. We should consider how and why to make an exception. Claire’s input from point of view of safety and security plan would be useful. Location of guard matters.
 - Action Items: Linda will ask at Sheriff’s Annex office if it’s better to have sheriff patrol and monitor. Linda will also ask Sharex partner if they had a guard in past and why it’s being requested now and how it will work.
6. Oakridge and Grow Coop contract renewals: – 3d party realtor gave benchmarks, Sharex Team held meetings to discuss the new information internally, are holding meetings this week and next with schools to discuss their visions of the future at UUFBR.

Old Business

1. Stewardship update – Rajeev: \$167k pledges received to date with 60 people pledging, and the campaign is still not finished. Stewardship Team must decide when to call it over – we’re now 15% over last year, 2% over our goal. Close to balancing budget when we combine pledges with other income sources.
2. Bylaws update – Mitch: meetings on pause recently. Will continue process. Endowment gave \$22k to support fire closet completion.
3. GA Delegates – Judy: one delegate has been named; there’s one election to vote on, no plan on giving the delegate guidance. Rajeev is willing to be a delegate given absence of other volunteers. Consensus: Ron Roth and Rajeev Arora are approved as delegates.

Breath Break

New Business

1. Review onboarding: discussion of offering alternative housing option to the new minister (an RV that’s for sale); concerns about whether it’s consistent with a serious attitude toward job, stability of regular housing, our financial situation and our desire to lessen budgetary burden, consensus to drop idea. Request to grant access to minister@uufbr.org before August 1 for convenience of sharing documents. Least access principle of IT security calls for caution and restraint, since access also brings ability to affect system. Waiting also carries

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clear message about not asking her to work for free before she officially starts. Consensus to wait til arrival before granting access to email address.
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Meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Keiser
Secretary