

UUFBR Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

This is a voting meeting

June 24, 2026

Present:

Trustees: Claire Smith (copresident), Judy Keiser (Secretary), Patrick Larson (VP/Facilities), Lynn Smith

Guests: Mitch Major, Celia Hirsch, Erich Landstrom, Diane Garland, Carole Stephens

Gathering: Chalice Lighting/Opening Words (Judy) Check-in (Claire); Vibe-checker (Diane); Time-minder (Lynn)

The meeting was called to order at 7:07, quorum was established with 4 trustees present, and Judy welcomed guests and visitors

Approval of the 05/27/26 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes without discussion.

1. Administrative Reports

- a. Treasurer – Howard sent written report, was not present. Mitch presented highlights: \$11k deficit, balanced by receipt of \$24k from Louise Malussis fund and \$8k Doug Hughes fund (not part of budget. \$17k bill for H4U will be coming up soon. Net result is currently a surplus.

Capital funds are decreasing. Spent \$26k on fire closet and alarm.

Roof as topic for discussion.

Legacy Team needs to be restarted for future streams of income similar to current very helpful legacy funds. Myra mentioned as good member for that team.

b. VP Facilities – Patrick –

1. Roofs: inspector recommended getting a pro's opinion but thinks Munson Wing (kitchen, back hall to H-B room) roof, put on in 2011, should be replaced soonest. Next should be repairing flat roof of Sanctuary. Sanctuary pitched roof, Osias and Ed Bldg (put on in 2005) have 5-7 years left. 4 roofers came, 3 gave proposals. Blues Brothers (has a good reputation) said 20 yr old roofs may appear end of life to insurance co's. It's a waiting game – we can postpone and hope for best. If required by insurance company, will get them inspected – if 5 yrs or more is left, no need to replace. Be prepared to replace other roofs. Be prepared for notice from insurance co any moment. We also have the option to ask for inspection. Financing is available for replacements. Option 1 replace Munson, repair other roofs. Option 2 replace Education bldg. and Osias roofs, repair flat roof, delay Munson roof replacement (could last 3 yrs).

Discussion: coverage scope: if we don't insure roof and it leaks, will interior be covered? What percentage of coverage is the roof? Sources of funds: Are capital improvement funds available? Roof replacement would be cap improvement project covered by funds. We can source more funds from Malusis legacy if needed, and all together it might cover \$100k cost. Timing: could delay work, do capital campaign next year. Theme: "Raise the Roof" like barnraising. Idea: Devote all fundraising in the coming year to this effort, structure with match by Malusis funds to encourage donations. What if a hurricane damages roof before work is

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done? Reason to wait til after hurricane season to do work? We don't currently carry windstorm insurance. Property ins covers lightning damage.
Resources: Knowledgeable congregants? Jacquie? Mitch will contact her.
Credibility of inspector over self-interested roofers.
Warranty language needs examination.
Next steps: research, ask experts, get more bids, make decision in July.

2. West parking lot lights: Monster Tree Service damage estimate \$18k. Patrick had a consultation with attorney Greg Glickstein about recourse: private cause of action under FS 811 statute, common law negligence cause of action. Good chance of prevailing, but could spend that much on attys fees. Net \$12k we could recoup, not including attys fees. Probably not worth pursuing.
 3. Discussion: could we fund repair ourselves, from reserves? Hours of darkness are well after hours during summer. Optics of church suing – complaint in public forum... standing to sue, clear violation. Timing if we choose to sue. Ltr from poor church, offer to split damage cost? Likelihood of continued relationship is low.
Options: Can get additional repair bids, research solar power batteries as alternative, wait for full board present at meeting before we make decision, erect sign about low light “don't park here after dark” to limit liability. Erect temporary lights on roof of Ed Bldg.
- c. Sharex – Judy presented for Linda. Summary: currently sharing our facility: 4 support groups, two educational programs, a tai chi program, a contradance group, and various one-time events that return year after year. We're also continuing to receive expressions of interest for various events and programs. We're continuing to seek guidance to protect our 501c3 designation. Nader is looking for a good lawyer.

Old Business

1. Onboarding of new minister—what is done/what still needs doing; plenty of opportunities to be involved with welcoming and settling our new minister.

Discussion: possibility that based on past experience, plan might be too much.
Alternatives: small group gatherings, invite congregational leaders to BT meeting. Avoid distracting from Sunday coffee hour. Question whether Sharex partners have sufficient interest to meet minister if their only interest in UUFBR is its convenient location. Option to allow local minister group to handle outreach to local UU congregations. Concern about past interactions by minister with interfaith connections like BRICA. Suggestion to ask Rev Nicole her ideas about unfolding ministry. Concern that we might make a big deal over a ministry that only lasts one year. Suggestion to wait til internal connections are strong before holding external meetings, and wait until calling minister before holding big celebrations. Ideas: hold welcome back picnic/dinner/potluck in late September and welcome snowbirds too; focus on internal mixing - Circle suppers; Sept 6 water communion plus picnic/afternoon tea (Linda Prentice as contact?). Note that Osias is being used August 17 and 18 as polling place, affecting ability to do setup those dates.

Breath Break

New Business

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1. "Scholarship" funds available for Heart Team training? (Xx\$30) Judy presented for Ron Roth: Preliminary discussion: Appreciation of members who are interested in being trained for the HeaRT team. Have them ask Ron if they need scholarships. With lean budget, try not to use congregational money. **Motion by Lynn/seconded by Claire: Make up to \$150 available if needed for HeaRT Team training.** Discussion: Next year put line item in for scholarships in general for all kinds of trainings. HeaRT Team will be giving lots of time as volunteers, and monetary investment is small. **Motion passed.**
2. Request from Membership Team to review and approve removal of suggested members from membership. **Motion made by Lynn/seconded by Claire to release named people from membership.** Discussion: Suzanne Goffredo is fine with being released, and would like to remain a friend to stay in touch. **Motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Keiser
Secretary