

**Board Meeting Draft Minutes of the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship (FUF)
at FUF**

February 14, 2025 at 12:00 pm

Present:

Board members present: Irene Wegner, President; Mary Matthews, 1st Vice President & Corresponding Secretary; Nick Coulson, 2nd Vice President/Programs; Maggie Joffe, Treasurer; Jeanine Normand, Recording Secretary; Phillip Herring, Member at Large; and Carl Couret, Member at Large.

A quorum was established.

Also present: Ashley Weller, FUF Office Administrator

FUF members present: Mary Anderson, Mark Preston, Joanne Preston, Mark Ohler, and Don Joffe.

ITEM	PRESENTER	ACTION REQUIRED	COMPLETION DATE
CALL TO ORDER at 12:20 pm, quorum established	Irene	Assemble	Feb 14, 2025
REPORTS			
January 10, 2025 Minutes	Jeanine	Mary moved and Nick 2 nd - Approved	Feb 14, 2025
Treasurer	Maggie	We discussed standard payment for sound system operator payment.	Jan 31, 2025 for revenue and expense report

		Our CD at PNC Bank was not automatically renewed. We're looking for a better placement for it. Finance committee to bring next month recommendations about better investing. Mary moved and Phillip 2 nd - Approved	
Admin	Ashley	We discussed changing from Wix to save money, and we'll add Mailchimp. Maggie made motion and Mary 2 nd – Approved.	Feb 28. 2025
UPDATES			
Building Usage	Gwen	We discussed building usage standardizing fees, including for members, so that each board member can answer clearly any requests for building usage. Gwen said that community organizations who may object to the policy that we adopt can come to the board to present their case. Gwen will bring next month a version for a board vote.	March 6. 2025
Community Involvement	Mark P.	Mark discussed FUF events, such as Pi day and the rummage sale. If outside groups want to rent our space to do an event or a	Ongoing 2025

		concert, why not consider making it a fundraiser event, and we build community. Irene asked us to place flyers for Pi day. Irene noted that as board members, we are all expected to attend FUF events when we can.	
Membership	Mary Anderson, Joanne Preston, Maggie	To bring in a more welcoming atmosphere, to connect better with members, to coordinate with the care and concerns team, and to develop a history of our FUF, including a committee meeting for history at Parker Grey's house, Mary proposed using UUA "Small Group Ministry," which we will call "small group circles," Phillip moved, Nick 2 nd	Set training dates in March, and get sign-ups, which Mary A. coordinates
Security	Phillip	Four cameras now cover all of the doors to the building, motion activated. The monitor is in the office, and we can also have an app on our cell phones. Phil and several others have it on their phones.	Four cameras installed this February 2025
Lobby Update	Irene	Review use and the way it looks. Irene will form sub-committee with Mary A., Mary M., Mark Preston, and Ashley.	Report in April
OLD BUSINESS			
Signage	Mark O, Ashley, and Irene	See proposal about naming the rooms after famous FUF people. What size do we want. Mark will send around a list of	Next board meeting

names, and Irene suggests even amounts of women and men, chosen by FUF members maybe using rank choice voting for interior signage. The priority is the exterior sign that we want, perhaps near the chalice sculpture facing Fairhope Ave. Also, perhaps a sign on the Bishop Road side saying "Welcome to FUF." Outside signs must be in compliance with the city's ordinance. This may be a comprehensive project, and Mark gets board support to come up with a more concrete proposal Mark will give a progress report next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Allison Russell and Boogie Russel have resigned. Allison is no longer doing our children's religious education as well. Ashley has been doing the newsletter. Send items for the newsletter to Ashley.

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Jeanine asked FUF to cosponsor an event with the SPLC against hate on May 1, to open the building at 4:30, approved

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Retreat Review

All

Mission Application, Liaison Responsibilities

Tabled for next month

Office files/Closet	Irene, Ashley	Sub-committee members named.	Report at March Meeting
Next Meeting	Irene, Ashley	NOTE: Changed to Thursday, March 6, at 12:30	Thurs, March 6, 2025
ADJOURNED at 2:20pm	Irene	Minutes taken respectfully by Jeanine Normand	