

Fairhope Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Board of Trustees Meeting at FUF
Friday, September 12, 2025, at 12:30 pm
Minutes approved at the October 10 meeting

PRESENT:

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;
Mark Preston; Member at Large

Ashley Weller, FUF Admin office@fairhopeuu.org
Sandra Tormoen, treasurer in training
Don Joffe, pantry chair and nominating committee
Mary Anderson, Member Support Chair and nominating committee
Susan Hammack, member of nominating committee

Absent: Irene Wegner, President and Carl Couret. Past President

1. Call to Order at 12:30, Mary Matthews

REPORTS

2. August 8 Meeting Minutes, Jeanine Normand: Accepted

3. Treasurer's Report, Maggie Joffe: Our checking account balance is \$13,146.00. Report accepted.

Motion: Ashley to spend money for a software program that includes Excel for the FUF treasurer to use on a personal laptop. Maggie moved and Mary M. seconded.

Motion passed.

Discussion about the monitoring of our defibrillator (AED) to see that it's working. After purchasing it, we also got one free year. The company, Aviva, is now charging us \$199.00. However, Ashley does it for us, and we don't need to pay for extra monitoring as to their status.

Motion: Not to pay Aviva for further monitoring since we do it in house. Nick moved & Mark seconded.

Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. Special Events, Mark Preston: Updates/Needs

Mark reported that the recent past events we've had are successful, and we'd like more FUF members to come and support these events. We have a few ideas how to make this happen. The next special events committee meeting will be Wed., Sept. 17 @FUF. Mark has a special event planned for every month. We're thinking of adding a Thanksgiving Day dinner for our members and friends.

5. Membership Support chair, Mary Anderson: Twelve people have signed the book for membership. New member orientation in November is being planned for them.

6. Nominating Committee, Don Joffe, Susan Hammack, and Mary Anderson: The committee is formed and they have begun talking to prospective board members.

7. Programs, Nick Coulson: He will pass his ideas to the incoming program chair. He handed out the programs he's got already booked. He will book through January for the incoming program chair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. Interior Signs, Maggie and Ashley: update not given.

9. Exterior Signs, Carl sent a report: See report that Carl sent on the progress. Mark mentioned we need a sandwich sign to use whenever we are having special events, able to change. He will have a proposal for next month.

10. Exterior Lighting, Phillip: The solar lights on the east sidewalk that Phillip and Carl installed for us. They asked us to observe if these will do, and if we need more, and where we think they might be needed. We thanked Phillip for all of the work he did on these.

11. Building Policies, etc., Gwen Snyder, Jeanine, Carl, and Ashley: Policy is under discussion. Mary M.'s comments are added in the policy about the kitchen.

Motion: Nick moved board permission must be obtained for putting anything symbolic non-temporary on the stage Philip 2nd

Motion Passed

Motion: Nick moved Maggie 2nd to keep the American flag in the lobby.

Motion passed.

Mary M. wants to add to the building usage and rental contract about the kitchen. Others had other suggestions. Ashley will incorporate those changes.

Mary A. is going to rewrite the membership procedures for us to consider (in the handbook as well as the BUP.

We might want to put some general ability to refuse things to include no animals allowed. More discussion needed on this, including on the handbook. Any comments can be sent to Ashley ASAP.

12. Stone/rocks to repair in driveway, Phil Strniste and Divia: Tabled until next month.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Next board meeting is October 10.

14. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm

Minutes respectfully taken by **Jeanine Normand**, Recording Secretary

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