UUCSC Board of Directors Meeting

October 15, 2026

Present: President Amber Collins, VP Cathy Soloman, Treasurer Karen Ellsworth, Clerk Donna Caldwell, Directors Chris Johnson, April Ruedaflores

Absent: Bill Jones

Call to Order: 10:00 am by Amber Collins

MOTION: Cathy moves to ratify the September minutes, seconded by Chris.

PASSED with those who were not present abstaining from the vote.

MOTION: Chris moves to accept the Treasurer's report and the OA report, seconded by Apri. PASSED unanimously.

Reports Appended

Treasurer's report - As noted in the report, follow-up was needed to arrange purchase of memorial leaves for the tree in the sanctuary. Lura has found what was needed. The Finance Committee is drafting a policy for the Board to review that wil include who is in charge of this and what the minimum donation will be.

OLD BUSINESS

Scholarship for the URI Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies – the Board is requesting that the Finance Committee add to next year's budget funds for a scholarship to this Center. Amber will draft a suggested method for selecting who will receive this scholarship.

Key Codes – notice has been provided that the key codes will be changing – a 30- day notice date will be selected for this change to occur mid-November.

Fundraising – Amber has been meeting with Betsy Dalton to help coordinate fundraising efforts. Fundraising ideas were generated at a previous meeting post-service that was open to the

congregation. Amber will lead an effort following this Sunday's service to help identify which ideas have the most interest, including people who may want to help organize the event.

Nancy Dean Visibility Art Proposal – the condo board has approved the plan as has Barbara Nowicki. It may be installed before the end of the year.

Ministerial Search/Worship Support – The Worship Committee has requested input on the number of services per month to be conducted by UU ministers – the Board proposed two. There is funding for this purpose. Coverage has been identified for other needs such as weddings or funerals.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership – Donna Caldwell, as Clerk, will be meeting with Mary Finnegan (Chair) and Val Follett from Membership to identify members who may be in need of outreach and/or a letter concerning their membership status (with a goal of identifying our number of active members).

Coordinating Council – Cathy shared that the Council held a very successful meeting on October 1st that included effective coordination and problem-solving. Minutes were provided to the Board. The next meeting will be held on 12/10 at

10 am via zoom.

Legislative Ministry Forum – Cathy reported that this year's forum provided an opportunity to coordinate with and learn from other UU congregations about what Social Justice Actions they are involved in through breakout sessions on Democracy, Immigration, LGTBQ issues, Environmental Issues and the devastating events in Gaza. Going forward this may give us new opportunities with which to get involved.

Adjourned 11:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Caldwell, Clerk