

FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY FOUNDATION OF MADISON, INC.

*Minutes of Directors Meeting held April 10, 2023 (In-person and Zoom)
Adopted: July 11, 2023*

Present: Connie Beam (President), Kendall Harrison (Secretary), Annette Hellmer, Dean Hessler (Treasurer), Kurt Stege, David Kuenzi.

Participating by Zoom: Monica Nolan, Carol Stang, Pete Marion, Emily Cusic Putnam

Connie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from February 13, 2023 Meeting

MOTION: Dean moves to approve the minutes. Annette seconds.

Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report (Dean)

Dean reported that for the most recent quarter (FY2023 3rd Quarter) the results are positive.

The full report is as follows:

Balance Sheet on March 31, 2023

Assets

Total assets were \$3,389,705.50, an increase of \$131,757.77 since December 31, 2022

Vanguard investments totaled \$3,353,145.31

Liabilities

Custodial funds totaled \$116,348.58

Friends of the Meeting House	\$89,879.82
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UU Alliance	\$26,468.76
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Administrative Support \$2,000

Income Statement (Profit & Loss) for 12-31-2022 through 3-31-2023

Income

Vanguard Investment income totaled \$180,177.01

WCCN microfinance note interest paid \$769.76

Donations \$0

Total income for the year to date \$215,462.62

Expenses

Program distributions from Donor funds to FUS totaled \$44,389.00, Year to date \$133,167.00

Foundation administrative expense \$18,800 to date

Custodial fund earnings expensed totaled \$5,991.65

Net income - for quarter \$125,766.12. Year to date \$55,489.30

Connie reports we have \$76,000 in cash and thus don't need to sell anything for purposes of making distributions. Dean agrees.

MOTION: Kendall moves to approve the treasurer's report. Kurt seconds. **Motion passes.**

Portfolio Review (David)

David shared the portfolio spreadsheet and explained:

First quarter of calendar 2023 (or 3rd quarter of our fiscal year) - portfolio value increased by about \$180,000. Total return for quarter of 5.6%.

The big question is what the Fed will do with interest rates going forward.

We are a little underweight on bonds. So, if we have cash to put to work, David recommends putting it into bonds. The bond returns are good at the moment.

We have \$76,000 in cash, but we need \$48,000 for upcoming distributions and the cash is in a money market fund getting roughly 4 percent. The committee feels that, accordingly, there is not a current need to move the additional \$28,000 into bonds.

The committee discusses pulling together the data showing average annual returns since 2018. David says he can do that.

MOTION: Pete moves to accept the investment report. Kendall seconds. **Motion passes.**

Final Approval of FY21 and 22 Audit

Final edits were made to the audit after the last meeting. And a final version was sent around.

MOTION: Pete moves to approve the Audited Financial statements. Dean seconds. **Motion passes.**

Staff Update (Monica)

Fundraising campaign is underway. Staff is working on a proposed budget. The budget will be shared with the congregation in May.

Staff has been coordinating with the Meeting House Nursery School on a \$150,000 grant for security purposes. That will be submitted within a week.

Monica will send us a report on how the funds from the Foundation will be used in the upcoming budget.

President's Report (Connie)

The UU Alliance Fund remains unclaimed. There is roughly \$26,000 in the fund. Dean suggests that the Quest program might be a good place to transfer the money. Connie will put together a list of the parameters for groups hoping to access those funds.

Kathy and Connie met with leadership team to discuss the distributions for the upcoming year. Connie reports that it was a positive meeting.

Connie will be putting together a report for the congregation about the Foundation.

Connie met with Cheryll Mellenthin regarding planned giving and simple ways to encourage people to include FUS or the Foundation in their estate planning. Connie suggested that a letter once a year would be appropriate and sufficient. Connie also suggests that there could be a thank you event for people in the Legacy Circle.

Connie would like to have a short discussion at the October meeting in terms of any new developments in ESG investing.

Meeting ends at 7:37 p.m. Next meeting is on July 11, 2023.