

# The SUUSI Foundation Board of Directors Meeting August 24, 2023

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## MEETING MINUTES \*\*\*\*APPROVED\*\*\*\*

### Call to Order

**Welcome** New Member: Joyce Munro

### Attendees

- Annsley Van Buskirk
- Bethany Cecere
- Ed Edelson
- Jimmy Van Buskirk
- Joyce Muroe
- Kimi Riegel
- Nicole Tearno
- Stacie Vecchietti

**Thank you** for your leadership over so many years, Annsley!

### Election of Officers

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Elections:

Nicole offered to serve as president for the next year.

Joyce agreed to serve as Vice President.

Stacie offered to serve as Secretary.

Ed offered to continue on as Treasurer.

The slate was put forward for a vote. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion ensued about adding language to the SUUSI Foundation by-laws about term limits for community representative SUUSI Foundation Board members mirroring the SUUSI Organizational by-laws [maximum of two, 3-year terms]. The group agreed that this should be added and that this change would allow for an appropriate 'staggering' of terms.

Action: Stacie will bring the term limit language to the next meeting for discussion and a vote.

### **Schedule of meetings:**

The group agreed on quarterly meetings, preferably happening before the SUUSI Organizational board meetings so that a SUUSI Foundation report could be provided. It was also agreed that when in-person SUUSI Organizational Board meetings were convened, the SUUSI Foundation Board would try to connect in-person, too.

Action: Ed and Kimi take the recommendation back to the Executive Committee of the SUUSI Organizational Board that the President of the SUUSI Foundation Board be invited to attend SUUSI Organizational Board meetings so that the two boards can deepen their connection and understanding of each body.

### **Investment and Investment Strategy overview**

A summary of the SUUSI Foundation current investments were provided and there was discussion of the diversification of the investment strategy.

Action: It was agreed that the newly formed SUUSI Finance Committee would advise SUUSI Foundation on the current 'portfolio' and recommend any changes after their upcoming meeting.

### **SUUSIships**

Review of 2023 SUUSIships was provided and discussion of SUUSIships and whether it is working to meet intended objectives was held.

Jimmy explained that the goal of SUUSIships is to encourage new people to come, with a priority on supporting participants that hold diverse identities that have not historically been able to access or afford SUUSI. Jimmy offered to share the rubric for determining an objective score for SUUSIship applicants.

There was discussion around the challenges/affordability of having to pay for kids to attend SUUSI and how families have not come back to SUUSI post-COVID like other groups.

The need to connect with Communications Staff about advertising SUUSIships availability was emphasized.

Action: Nicole will reach out to Connie to see if she is interested in continuing in the SUUSIship Coordinator role and if there are any changes to the program that she would like to recommend.

### **Budget for the coming year**

The budget will be prepared in the coming month based on:

- Website (\$160)
- Tax preparation
- State corporate filing
- Insurance (D&O insurance)
- Marketing/mailing; send information to UU Church's about SUUISHips
- Fundraising
- In-person meeting

Action: Ed will prepare a proposed budget for the next meeting.

### **Additional upcoming actions:**

Annsley will provide SUUSI Foundation Google access for all  
Conflict of Interest forms need to be signed

### **Next meeting:**

Approve minutes

By-law change proposal

Report-out/recommendations for the SUUSI 'portfolio'

SUUSIship status update/make a plan to connect with Coms staff

Budget for the upcoming year proposed

### **Closing Words**

### **Adjourn**