

UUCSC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes –2/19/20 (approved via email)

Present: President Natalie Herbermann, Treasurer Mary Alice Kimball, Clerk Linda Dupuis, Nancy Dean, Dave Hurdis, Bill Rodriguez

Absent: Rev. DL Helfer, Kai Migliaccio, VP Mary Fulton, Rosemary Galiani

Guest: Marcia Boyd

Call to Order/ Invocation: 6:07PM

PROPOSAL by Mary Alice Kimball to ratify the minutes for the 1/15/2020 Board Meeting as approved by email. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Mary Alice Kimball. Printed copies are on file with the Board clerk.

1. UUCSC mortgage is now \$234,593; we may be ready to make another \$100,000 payment by the end of 2019/20 fiscal year.
2. This Sunday Mary Alice Kimball, Jeff Berry, and Dave Ruede will be presenters for the pledge kickoff.
3. The “Giving Tree” collected \$1500 and we were able to donate a washer and dryer to a needy family.
4. Mary Alice presented the 2020-2021 Budget Preparation Timeline. Printed copy is on file with the Board Clerk.

Staff Reports:

DRE Report: Bethany Vaccaro via e-mail. Printed copy on file with the Board clerk.

Bethany Vaccaro discussed efforts to resolve some problems in the approach to RE. She will be resigning at the end of this year.

Office Administrator’s Report: Karen St. Peter via e-mail. Printed copy on file with the Board Clerk

Karen St. Peter has been busy with tax issues, UUA certification and stewardship preparation.

Minister’s Report: Rev. DL Helfer via e-mail. Printed copy on file with the Board Clerk.

Revision of language for motion for use of OLL monies.

Marcia Boyd explained the need for a change in the original motion, and provided copies of ASAE article “Why Organizations Must Honor Donor Intent” (on file with the Board Clerk)

PROPOSAL by Marcia Boyd and Mary Alice Kimball as recommended by the Finance Committee.

The following language shall be used for the use of OLL monies:

“All funds collected as part of the OLL Capital Campaign shall be used to retire the mortgage, except as follows:

If approved by the donor, and if approved by the Board, then certain specified funds from that donor may be used for other purposes, as agreed upon by the donor and the Board. Such decisions shall be voted on and recorded in the minutes of the applicable Board meeting.” Passed unanimously.

Marcia Boyd discussed restarting the planned giving and legacy giving plan; the Board members were amenable to this idea.

GA update:

1. Applications for GA scholarships; after a discussion, the consensus was that we should let Rev. DL Helfer decide how to disburse the funds. Board members should be aware of people who would like to go to GA; help them with problem solving,
2. March 1 we will have signups here for GA.
3. Work is proceeding for UUCSC B and B to provide housing.
4. On April 19 a representative from GA will be here at our church service.

Liaison Reports:

Communications: Linda Dupuis reported on the need for newcomers to the congregation to be aware of the "Friends" category and to be entered into the online Directory. In April we will have an information table in the Oneto room with descriptions of friends and members, and sign-up sheets for the directory. Announcements will be placed in the e-weekly, the OOS insert, and a writeup in the April Newsletter describing the categories: visitor, friend, and member.

Membership: Linda Dupuis reported: Upcoming events are the UU101 classes on March 8, and the new member ceremony on April 5, 2020.

Facilities: Dave Hurdis reported:

1. A work party will take place on Sat, Feb 29.
2. Estimates are coming in for new office windows.
3. A quote is being sought for a new furnace; solar power is being considered
4. The railing on the ramp in the sanctuary has been installed.

Nominating Committee: Nancy Dean reported:

1. Sandy Ketrow is aware that there may be three vacancies on the Board of Directors: Clerk, Vice President, and one Director. (The Board has agreed to reduce the number of directors from five to three.)
2. DRE search committee has met, reviewed the job description, and have two possible candidates.

Social Justice Committee: Mary Alice Kimball provided via email the minutes from the Social Justice meeting detailing activities and dates for upcoming events. See attached document.

Bylaws revision: Karen St. Peter, Karen Ellsworth, and Natalie Herbermann will finish editing the bylaws. A special meeting will be held to approve the bylaws prior to the June annual meeting.

The Policy Manual still needs to be updated.

Safe congregation policy: new policy suggestions address various areas of the Policy Manual. Rev. DL Helfer wants one policy that encompasses all safety measures. Natalie Herbermann will organize the writing of a stand-alone safe congregation policy

The next Board meeting will be: March 18, 2020, at 6PM in the Oneto Community Room.
The next Coordinating Council meeting will be March 11, 2020, at 7PM in the Oneto Community Room.

Adjourned 8:05PM

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Dupuis, Clerk

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

Monday, February 3. 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Oneto Room, UUCSC

Attending: Donna Caldwell, Val Follett, Penny Hall, Mary Alice Kimball, Jean Bowen, Mary Fulton, John Glasheen, Dorie Lawson, Pam Brightman, Elaine Stannard, Lisa Petrie, Betsy Dalton (temp secretary)

Agenda:

Welcome and announcements: Jean – Social Justice Chair

Jean read an inspirational essay to open the meeting.

Chair's report:

- **Announcement: Unitarian Universalist Association National/International General Assembly** - June 24-28, Providence, Civic Center and other venues. Will draw +4000 attendees.
 - Volunteer sign-up begins Feb. 28
 - There are several important free events – check the calendar
 - UUCSC will arrange carpooling.
 - UUCSC is recognized by UUA and can send 4 delegates
 - We will look into videostreaming here for the GA
 - March & April share the plate will raise \$\$ for partial scholarships for congregants who need it.
 - Pam B., Donna C., Mary Alice K., Penny H., Val F., John G. shared their positive experiences about attending GA.
 - Tomaquag Museum – will be recipient of the Sunday shared collection – very important.
 - Rev. DL will come up to Full Fellowship with UUA at this GA 2020.
 - Latonya Richardson, national UUA conference coordinator, will address the UUCSC congregation on Sunday, April 19.

- Medicare for All Forum to be sponsored by UUCSC at UUCSC. – approved by SJ Committee, 2/3/20.
Tuesday, April 21, 7:00-9:00

- Racial Justice: - Penny H.
Legislative Forum will take place Sunday, 3/29 @ 12 noon (after Sunday service), UUCSC – all local representatives have been invited to attend.
Housing Authority Monitoring and appointments – Penny explained how important it is to have a presence at SK housing authority meetings. Working on hiring a new executive director. Sue Jacobson (of UUCSC) is on the SK Housing Comm. New positions will open up soon.

Common Read – Reading the UUA common read, **Indigenous History of the US**. Discussions will be lead here March 1 & April 3 by Carol Layne and Rev. DL.

Disability Justice – Betsy

Facilities will be installing a safety railing for the ramp in the sanctuary.

Betsy and Myron will do a poster session on Disability awareness and accessibility at the GA 2020

Organizational meeting of the Disability justice team on Thurs, Feb. 13 @ 3 pm in the UUCSC Library. All interested are invited.

Environmental Justice: Lisa

Green Task Force assisted with the Work that Reconnects (B. Holtzman/M. Mueller) workshop several weeks ago. 4-hour workshop – approx. 80 people attended. Strong focus on the climate crisis and how to effectively deal with our feelings about it.

Forks over Knives film will be at Peace Dale Congregational Church this

Climate Crisis advocacy training in Pawtucket Feb. 15

UU legislative ministry will hold its meeting at Westminster Church on April 5, 2-4 pm to determine priorities for the for the year. Climate is always considered.

Immigration: Dorie

Sanctuary Coalition – is now the Asylum Sanctuary Coalition to focus of individuals to help refugees in the state. Efforts are being made to help those held in the Wyatt center to pay bonds and temp housing. Contact Dorie is you are interested in helping. Monies raised for Annunciation House actually sent to Dorcus international for refugee resettlement (since no refugees are now going to Annunciation House). Dorcus invites us to visit or someone to speak here.

Dorie and Tom have established the SJ bulletin board, and the sub-committees are invited to populate their areas.

Gender Gail/Val/Jean

Huddle – have materials re: single payer medical insurance efforts. Detail pros and Cons of Single Payer vs Expanding Obamacare. This group will come and present on this at UUCSC in April. Meets second Tuesday of each month, Neighborhood Guild, 7 pm, all are welcome

Moms Demand Action – bill this year coming for RI Legislature. Passed Senate and now in the House – bill Prohibits Ghost and Hand-Made Guns. Coffee outreach meetings will be coming.

Dining for Women – 2 year anniversary – 2 years of donations over 19,000 dollars. Meets first Tuesday of each month at the Oneto Room

Women's Project is also important

Faith Alliance – D. Caldwell. Last meeting was on teen dating violence safety awareness. Many congregations do not have teens attending. The Domestic Violence Resource Center in Wakefield is working to set its programming for February, and the Faith Alliance helped generate ideas re: need for teen violence awareness and prevention.

Economic Justice:

Share the Plate Mary Alice

Local, 501c organizations are the priority, with social Justice as a priority. 2019-2020 groups have been identified. A 50-50 collection is taken on the first Sunday of each month.

Guests at our Table – Mary F.

\$2695 total collected. Great showing. Board is considering moving this to the spring (not near the Thanksgiving/Christmas holidays). Shelter Rock will double all donations at \$40 or more. Guests at our table is connected with the UU Service Committee.

Equal Exchange

Pam

UU service committee supports free trade small family farmers, and Equal Exchange carries these products. This supports these farmers and also is a fundraiser for the church. Offering fair prices prevents child labor, as well. Fair Trade is also a large presence at the GA 2020. Pam can use a few more volunteers. Approx. 1500 each year is raised for UUCSC.

Jonnycake Center food collection Mary F.

164 lbs of food brought since November. People can do digital monetary donations each month instead, which is preferred by JonnyCake.

Rhode Island Food Bank Fundraiser Elaine S.

Presented concerns about minimal increases in Social Security. Many people will be affected. Elaine has questions about how to share event information in this congregation. Wants to do at least 1 fundraiser for the RI Community Food Bank here at UUCSC (spring or fall) – asked for SJ Team approval - approved. Mary Alice asked what expenses are needed for the fundraiser. Primarily space is needed, and donations of treats for the break. Elaine wants to set up a fundraiser on an annual basis.

One Pump House fundraiser raised \$6000 JonnyCake (\$1600 went to Prov. RI Food Bank).

Additional ideas from Jean:

How do we involve more people, especially families, with our various SJ groups? Donna C. shared that Membership has been also working on this issue. Time of meetings is an issue. Luncheons on Sundays have worked well. We can contact RE and Bethany about this.

Next meeting: Monday, April 27th @ 4 pm in Oneto Room

Meeting adjourned, 5:40 pm.