

UUCSC Board of Directors Meeting July 21, 2021

Present: President Elizabeth Donovan, VP Elise Bender, Treasurer Mary Alice Kimball, Directors Nancy Dean, Charlie Donnelly and Bill Rodriguez

Guest: Betty Kornitzer, minister emerita

Call to Order/Reading of Covenant: 6:08 PM by Elizabeth Donovan

Invocation: Elizabeth Donovan

Betty Kornitzer spoke about her ability to temporarily provide a limited amount of ministerial support to UUCSC since our settled minister has resigned. She became our minister emerita when she retired 9 years ago but continues to love the congregation and has faith in the congregation's ability to move forward well during this time of transition. Requests for her services will be made through the Pastoral Care Committee. They will determine if an emergency exists and whether or not the team can handle the situation before contacting Betty. They will also keep a record of requests to help us determine what our pastoral care needs may be in the future. Betty will be in South Carolina from mid December to mid April.

MOTION: Elizabeth Donovan moves that we craft a letter of agreement with Rev. Betty Kornitzer confirming our understanding that she will serve as our "on-Call" minister. PASSED unanimously.

Elizabeth Donovan will write the letter with Betty.

Elizabeth Donovan spoke about the exit interviews that the UUA is conducting with Rev. DL, the Board and our Committee on Ministry. When all of the interviews are completed the written documentation will be shared, reviewed and edited by all parties. The final document, however, is shared only with the UUA and the parties involved. A new interim or settled minister may request copies, but no one else.

Carolyn Hurdis made a generous bequest of \$50,000. Her husband and group of other members will determine how to best allocate that money. Dave Hurdis has chosen a leaf on the memory tree to honor his beloved wife.

MOTION: Elise Bender moves that a plaque be installed in the double RE room as a way to recognize Carolyn's deep involvement in the congregation. PASSED unanimously.

MOTION: Elizabeth Donovan moves that we honor the suggestions of the Worship Committee for the September services. (9/12 welcome back water service 9/19 Betty Kornitzer conduct a healing service 9/26 Storyteller) PASSED unanimously.

MOTION: Elizabeth Donovan moves that we designate the first August workshop (Tuesday, Aug 2) to "Worship Services" and that we invite members of the Worship Committee to join us. PASSED unanimously. (6:00-8:00 in the Oneto Room. Board members should think about the possibility of doing some part of a service. The logistics of reopening in-person services is likely to be part of this workshop session.)

MOTION: Elizabeth Donovan recommends the purchase of air purifiers. The cost should not exceed \$5500. This expense is in addition to the budget approved by the congregation on July 20, 2021. PASSED unanimously.

Mary Alice Kimball will contact both the Facilities Committee and the Finance Committee to inform them of this decision. Mary Fulton will place the order.

Elizabeth Donovan moves that the topic for the August 4 Board workshop be reopening issues. PASSED unanimously.

Elizabeth Donovan moves that we approve the six names put forth for the Administrator search team. PASSED unanimously (Elise Bender Lee Cowan Betsy Dalton, Mary Fulton, Mary Alice Kimball, Etta Zasloff)

Treasurers Report: Mary Alice Kimball. An additional payment of \$50,000 was made on the building mortgage. The remaining balance is about \$47,000. The Bank of Newport will be reviewing our mortgage account soon. A reduction in interest rates is expected so our remaining balance may become even less. Because of exceptionally generous donations this year's budget is expected to show a positive amount of \$17,000, rather than the expected deficit.

MOTION: Mary Alice Kimball moves that a reserve account be set up to make these monies available for operating expenses that are outside of the regular approved budget. PASSED unanimously.

Adjourned 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fulton, clerk