

UUCSC Board of Directors Meeting October 20, 2021

Present: President Elizabeth Donovan, Clerk Mary Fulton, Directors Nancy Dean, Charlie Donnelly and Bill Rodriguez

Absent: VP Elise Bender, Treasurer Mary Alice Kimball

Guest: Trish Hindley

Call to Order/Reading of Covenant: 6:30 PM by Elizabeth Donovan

Invocation: Elizabeth Donovan

The president thanked Nancy Dean for serving more than a full term and for leading the Clean Team.

MOTION: Elizabeth moved to appoint Trish Hindley immediately to serve on the Board until June, 2022 in completion of the term to which Nancy Dean was elected.

PASSED unanimously.

Staff reports: Accepted. Printed copies are on file with the Board Clerk.

Treasurer's report: A printed copy is on file with the Board clerk. Finances are in good shape since we are not currently paying a ministers salary, however we were reminded that the budget anticipates the need to raise \$18,000 this fiscal year. At this time there are no fund raising or stewardship committees since no one has agreed to chair either.

MOTION: Elizabeth moves to open the building to AA meetings as long as they follow the covid safety rules.

PASSED 4-1.

MOTION: Elizabeth moves to open the building to UUCSC organizations and to all groups that previously used the building pursuant to all said groups following our Covid Safety Plan.

PASSED unanimously.

Covid Safety Plan

Unfortunately, the Covid Pandemic is still with us and the Delta Variant has caused us to adjust our plans accordingly. Our decisions regarding reopening are based on the recommendations of the CDC and the RIDOH and the recommendations of the UUA are considered. We continue to monitor these sources and will make changes in our plans as necessary. A Covid Safety Task Force is being created to make future recommendations.

- We **strongly** recommend that all eligible persons be vaccinated and ask those who are unvaccinated to watch the service on Facebook Live or recorded.
- Everyone over the age of two is required to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.
- We ask that people maintain several feet of distance between household pods. The seats in the sanctuary are arranged in rows that allow a distance of 6 ft in front of congregants. At least one seat should be left empty between pods or individuals within the rows. The Oneto Room will be used for overflow seating.
- Fans will not be used where people are congregating.
- Either the air conditioners will run or the windows will be open, not both.

- Air purifiers will run 24/7 in the Sanctuary, the Oneto Room and the large children's area downstairs. Additional small units in the bathrooms will run during services.
- A contact tracing list is to be kept for services and all group gatherings.
- Only the choir (masked) will be singing.
- We will have a social time so people can stay and converse while maintaining social distance, but no food or drinks will be allowed. Outside congregating is preferred.
- We ask that you refrain from hugging or shaking hands with other congregants.

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RECORDING SERVICES: Many questions were discussed regarding how best to provide suitable recordings. No equipment will be purchased until a definite plan is in place.

SURVEY: 48 responses have been received. They will be collected through 10/24. At this point sermons seem to be the top priority with a reduction in the emphasis on social justice work.

REIMAGINING: Bell St. Chapel plans to do a similar survey before engaging in further discussions about the possibility of sharing a minister. Bill Rodriguez and Elise Bender plan to serve on the Minister search committee and Elizabeth has a list of other candidates to approach.

PASTORAL CARE: In December Rev. Betty Kornitzer will be in NC so an alternative plan is needed for Pastoral care. Elizabeth will contact the minister at UU Westminster about this.

MINI RETREAT: Rev. Susan Stiles will meet for 2 hours at UUCSC with members of the past and current Board who wish to process feelings related to the events of the past year. Time to be determined.

Adjourned 7:56.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fulton, Clerk