

UUCSC Board of Directors Meeting
May 18, 2022

Present: President Elizabeth Donovan, VP Elise Bender, Treasurer Mary Alice Kimball, Clerk Mary Fulton, Directors Charlie Donnelly, Trish Hindley and Bill Rodriguez, Rev. Denis Paul

Guest: Nick Smith

Call to Order: 6:00 PM by Elizabeth Donovan

Reading of Covenant: by Elizabeth Donovan

Invocation: by Rev. Denis Paul

Check in

MOTION: Elizabeth moves to ratify the April Board minutes that were approved via email. PASSED unanimously.

Committee on Right Relations presentation by Nick Smith:

The committee recommends that every committee have a covenant and offered a proposed template. The template will be shared through the Coordinating Council. Changes were recommended regarding the Disruptive Behavior Policy. Discussion led to rewording some of the document. Nick will send a revised version to the president who will then request that the Board vote on the revision via email.

Staff Reports: Attached at the end of the minutes. A few items were clarified.

Treasurer's Report: All committees have been requested to submit a record of their expenses for the current liturgical year. The Finance Committee is defining their roles and processes. They plan to have a completed document by the end of the summer.

Old Business

MOTION: Elizabeth moves to accept the changes in covid policies for both Small Church Groups and Outside Groups. PASSED unanimously. Printed copies are on file. The policies will be posted in the newsletter and on the website. A reminder that masks are still required for Sunday services will also be posted in both places.

The task force that is reviewing the policy manual will meet June 9th.

It was suggested that the congregation might appreciate more information about the Carolyn Hurdis bequest and the intentions of the task force organized to dispense the funds. This topic will be part of the Annual meeting.

New Business

MOTION: Elise moves to accept version 6 of the 2022-2023 budget. PASSED unanimously.

Gas gift cards were given to Rev. Denis Paul in appreciation for his extraordinary service.

The facilities committee has a few requests for volunteers. These will be posted in the newsletter. Elizabeth explained to the Board that the lower parking lot is not owned by the condo but is leased by Bob DiFrancisco who shares it with UUCSC and the Jonnycake Center.

Annual Meeting: The proposed absentee ballot was reviewed and revisions made. It will go in the digital meeting packet with the stipulation that it is valid only if no changes are made to the original budget and/or nominating slate. The ballot must be received by June 9. Installation of the Board will take place at the Annual Meeting. The agenda will follow those used in the past.

Plans for The Dining for \$\$ Auction are going well.

Report on the Rhode Island Foundation workshops was tabled until June.

The logistics for summer services are still under discussion. Rev. Denis will probably do 3 services outside while Worship may plan for indoor services. Zoom services are not expected. As usual there will be no service on Labor Day.

The Board does not plan to appoint delegates to the UUA General Assembly.

There are still unfilled committee positions. Elise has placed Membership documents in the office so they are available to whoever steps up to fill her previous role. She is willing to mentor that person.

Adjourned 6:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fulton, Clerk

Next Board Meeting June 15 via Zoom 4:00-6:00
Coordinating Council September 14, via Zoom 4:00-6:00

Minister's Report to the Board of Trustees
UU Congregation of South County
Rev. Denis Letourneau Paul

May 12, 2022

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees,

Having had both a furlough week and a concurrent study week since our last meeting, my activities are fewer than normal, but still impactful. Here are some of the things I've been working on since my last report:

May Worship

5/8 "Life's Longing for Itself," with Lee Cowan

5/15 "Johnny Marzetti and the Death of Wonder," with Johnnie Rodriguez

On 5/22 I'll be doing a pulpit exchange. Rev Joe will be preaching at UUCSC as I preach at UU E. Falmouth, fulfilling a commitment I made way back in September. Joan Youngken will be joining me virtually to share the story and reflection from the service we led together last month at UUCSC.

Springtime is typically full of holidays and ceremonies and this year is no different. We dedicated six children on 5/8 and observed Mother's Day. Upcoming we have the flower communion, the affirmation of the 9-10 year olds, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, and Father's Day. My hope is that we can also install newly elected leaders on 6/19 and possibly even celebrate new members before I leave for vacation in July.

I'm still feeling a bit up in the air about how to handle the summer. The Worship Committee is clear that they won't be taking on the additional responsibilities of outdoor worship during the summer, understandably citing the difficulty of set up, take down, and get approval from the condo association. It would be nice to have at least some of the services outdoors, since for at least a few weeks in July and August no Zoom services will be offered, either as second services or hybrid services. We're all still wondering how we can effectively create hybrid services and continue with online sermon reflections.

We've had one memorial and have two more on the calendar. While each is a sad event, it's encouraging to see how much members and friends show up and pitch in. It's in these times of loss and challenge that we deepen our relationships.

Meetings and events within UUCSC since our last meeting

- Weekly supervision with Lee and Sara; One supervision meeting with Mike
- Monthly meeting with board chair Elizabeth Donovan
- Monthly Board meeting
- Worship committee meeting, plus planning meetings with my partners in leading services
- Three Beverages and Banter gatherings (2 by Zoom, 1 in person)
- Regular meetings of the following committees: committee on ministry; pastoral care; finance, Communications, Coordinating Council, Hurdis Bequest,

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Facilities We continue to improve our systems for reserving the space and making sure everything is as it should be. Meeting space was made available to our neighbors from the Jonnycake Center and a memorial service for the

daughter of a congregant. Kevin and Sarah Bell have used the sanctuary for their sound ceremony programs. We have two more memorial services coming up in the coming weeks.

Technology The battery for the laptop that we have used for the keyless entry system arrived and has been charged and installed, so we should be able to start using that system again soon. The next step will be to update the list of codes and deactivate the ones that are no longer needed.

Directory Some congregants had requested printed copies of the online directory. Linda Dupuis has done the yeoman's work of updating the online directory and copies will be printed after the annual meeting. My understanding is that congregants were charged \$5 per copy to offset copying costs; if that's not the case.

Ongoing I continue to work with Etta on the newsletter and website, and to take care of the mail, email and phone messages and getting the bills to Sue Rogala.

The most exciting thing that has happened for me in this position in the month since the last board meeting was my participation in the May Day celebration as one of the Ladies of the Rolling Pin. Thank you to Lee for inviting us and to the congregation for welcoming us so warmly.

Best,

Sara Kaplow

Office Administrator

May 2022

DRE Board Report

Dear Board,

We have had two wonderful multi-gen services in the last month. May Day turned into a bigger event than I had imagined. It felt like a festival and a beautiful celebration. I would like to create a celebration/spring festival for May Day every year, perhaps not during service, but rather a spring community event on a weekend afternoon. And Mother's Day was so beautiful as well with the child dedication ceremony as a highlight of our year.

We had a successful beach clean-up and got to meet several members of the Westminster UU congregation.

The RE Committee and I will be hosting a Dining for Dollars event at the end of June. It will be a family cook-out in our UUCSC backyard with games and fun for all.

I finished my UU Identity Renaissance Module and for the final project created a workshop for parents about bringing UU identity into the home. I'm excited to offer that workshop in the fall.

I'm looking forward to the 9 yr old affirmation service and flower communion on June 5th. I'm also looking forward to being part of the Social Justice committee's service on May 29th with a TFAA about reparations and reconciliation. And the kids are learning some UU hymns so we can sing with the choir during the music committee's service on June 12th.

I've been attending worship committee meetings and I'd like to start attending Social Justice committee meetings as well. I really like the collaboration possibilities!

We have peas sprouting in the raised bed outside!

Thanks for everything

Lee

May 2022

FA Report to the Board

Dear Board members,

I have continued maintaining the financial records and paying vendors in a timely manner in May. At Mary Alice's request I did start uploading the file to the TIAA website in April for pension contributions. It did seem to go well so I uploaded it again in May and will now write up the procedures. Soon I will be involved in some of budget work

Regards,

Sue