

**UJSS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Thursday, April 22, 2021, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom

**Minutes**



Present: Sally White, Victoria Owens, Denis Edgren, Anara Guard, Hally Cahssai, David Harlow, Tonie Darling, Eric Ross, Marilyn Reynolds, Rev. Roger Jones, Rev. Lucy Bunch

6:39 Welcome to Board: Sally White  
Establish quorum

Consent Agenda  
Approved March meeting draft minutes

6:40 Board Business

**Congregational Meeting**— Anara will work with Dirk and Lucy on the polls. David Harlow will be introduced by the President, he will introduce the 8th Principle with a member(s) from the committee available to answer any questions that arise. The President will then call for a motion/second, ask for any further discussion, then call for the vote. Discussion will happen via chat. David will identify someone from 8<sup>th</sup> Principle Team to respond; Dirk should make them visible. Anara alert Dirk to be flexible to allow people to unmute even if on phone. (what buttons do they push to do so, and someone be sure to say so). If streaming, we want them to use CHAT; if on phone or unable to type raise the HAND icon. Opening remarks should address this procedure. All speakers are co-hosts and therefore should NOT vote. Sally will inform Margaret Wilcox of this.

7:04 Chalice Lighting and Centering: Marilyn Reynolds

7:05 **Budget**—Victoria Owens--20 minutes. Presented draft budget for FY2022. We agreed to increase the equipment line item by \$500 to accommodate anticipated hybrid services. Discussion of fall auction possibilities. Denis moves, Eric seconds to propose this budget to the congregation in May. Passed.

7:37 **COIC and 8<sup>th</sup> Principle**—Roger/Lucy—20 minutes. Important for congregation to know about upcoming forums; some engagement from the testimonials. Attendance is encouraged. Working toward joint session of board and Program Council with 8P team, with result of tangible ideas of what implementation could mean, beginnings of a “road map”. Check email for suggested dates in June and watch some videos in advance.

7:42 **General Assembly delegates**. See <https://www.uua.org/ga> – 5 minutes. Stacey Abrams one of the keynote speakers. Delegates could have their fees paid (9 slots available at \$200 each) – what are the expectations of them attending? Info will start going out this week to recruit delegates. Sally will draft and send to Roger. Anara, Roger and Eric will meet about how best to sponsor.

7:50 **Physical gathering**—steps going forward—10 minutes. Entire Task Force is willing to remain, and Janet Lopes also wants to join. Lucy and Roger will present a proposal to Board and Program Council with

a staged approach. TF would be asked to weigh in on WHEN various activities could take place (not before September) The ministers are strongly considering a plan for two services to allow for more space and prepare for growth. There was a great deal of discussion about this idea and about how to reconvene safely.

8:16 **Treasurer's Report:** Victoria Owens [see document sent out] 5 minutes. The board voted to add \$1500 to the equipment budget to cover the costs of any additional equipment that may be needed to offer hybrid services.

8:18 **Ministers' Reports** 10 minutes [see document sent previously] Rev. Dr. Roger Jones  
Sally will attend planning session on Tuesday 4/28 for congregations coming back together. Discussion of role of task force—ask them to examine whether we can expand number to 20 or 25? Sally will ask TF to advise us on the number and timing (for auction items last year and this year as well as other gatherings). Board can then vote via email.

8:37 **Committee Substantive Issues**—15 minutes

- a. Program Council: Marilyn Reynolds, liaison. New committee forming on Climate Justice. Margaret Wilcox has moved to LA and as of July the co-chairs will be Tina Chiginsky Lawrence and Susan Davis.
- b. 8:40 APMC (Administration and Property Management): Eric Ross, Liaison. Met today and toured campus; Out of funds until new fiscal year but activities continue; handrail for bridge; meadow project is getting bids; maybe make speed bumps more visible; parking lot surface issues.
- c. 8: 46 Stewardship: David Harlow, Liaison. covered in Ministers report.
- d. 8:47 FRST (Fundraising Strategy Committee): Tonie Darling, Liaison. Auction moving permanently to October with auction lite this year. Legacy appeal moving to May. Losing Deanna Bloom, will need a new member.
- e. Nominating Committee—Hally Cahssai, Liaison. No update.
- f. 8:48 Safety Committee—Denis Edgren, Liaison. No update from chairs.

Next Meetings:

- a. Executive Board Meeting (via Zoom): May 9th Monday at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Board Meeting (via Zoom): Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.; Eric Ross to provide chalice lighting and centering
- c. June meeting may be in person at church (may include Frances as well)

Closing: Marilyn Reynolds

8:52 Meeting Adjournment