

UUSS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Thursday,
May 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom



6:30 Welcome: Sally White

- Quorum established

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

Absent: Anara Guard, Dr. Rev. Roger Jones

Guests: Frances Myers (incoming trustee),
Susan Zierenberg & Celia Buckley (Safety Committee co-chairs)

Chalice Lighting and Centering: Eric Ross

Consent Agenda -- Approved April, 2021 draft minutes as submitted.

Board Business

- a. Safety Committee Update – Susan Zierenberg and Celia Buckley – Co-chairs presented Safety Committee Subcommittee organization (1. First Aid 2. Fire and Evacuations 3. Shelter in place 4. On-site security team 5. Communication 6. Religious Education.) Board expressed appreciation to the committee for their great efforts to date.
- b. Review of May Congregational Meeting – Sally White – Input from board was that the congregational meeting was well organized and well presented.
- c. 8th Principle Discussion – Rev Lucy Bunch – Discussion tabled to June BOT meeting
- d. Re-entry discussion – Sally White – Proposed UUSS Physical Gathering Phases Plan dated 5/26/21 reviewed by the board. Tonie Darling moved and Eric Ross seconded the motion to accept Physical Gathering Phases proposal. Motion approved by majority vote. Rev. Lucy Bunch presented Ministers’ Thoughts on a Physical Gathering Timeline document, including phased steps for each of the months beginning May and ending in September.
- e. Ordination Process for Sangye Hawke – No board action at this time. The board previously voted via email to hold a congregational vote on the ordination. That vote is scheduled for June 13th immediately following the service. Plan is for a “small gathering” onsite at UUSS with Santa Cruz church participating via Zoom.

Treasurer's Report – Victoria Owens – As we approach fiscal year-end, Victoria expressed cautious optimism regarding overall financial condition of UUSS. Requested that anyone with outstanding UUSS expenses submit them asap to the bookkeeper so that the books can be closed in July.

Ministers' Report – Rev. Lucy provided overview of pulse of the congregation. She said her current primary focus is on the congregation returning to physical gathering. She stated that UUSS is technically well positioned to provide quality streaming of religious services at UUSS. She also reminded the board of the joint Board and Program Council meeting on Monday June 14 to discuss 8th Principle.

Committee Substantive Issues:

- a. Program Council – Marilyn Reynolds, Liaison – Communication Task Force working to identify new Calendar system for congregation website. Another focus is the Physical Gathering Plan, as many committees will be affected by the plan.
- b. APMC (Administration and Property Management Committee) – Eric Ross, Liaison – Campus has experienced recent vandalism to irrigation system, including pulling up and cutting irrigation lines and electronics. Committee will organize Workdays for congregation members to assist with clean-up of the campus as we prepare to return to physical gathering. Also planning to use auction-generated funds to landscape the campus “meadow area.”
- c. Stewardship – David Harlow, Liaison – The 2022 Stewardship Campaign is complete. Pledges total \$553,340, which is 96% of Stewardship goal. 67% of pledges completed online this year. 23 new member pledges.
- d. FRST (Fundraising Strategy Committee) - Tonie Darling, Liaison - UUSS Auction to be held in Fall. Focus on auction items will be on events, not physical items. Diaper Drive collected 10,000 diapers compared to 2,000 last year.

Next Meetings:

- Executive Board Meeting (via Zoom): Monday, June 14, at 5:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting (at UUSS patio): Thursday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m.; [NOTE TIME CHANGE]
Chalice Lighting centering and Closing provided by Anara Guard or Hally Cahssai

Closing: Eric Ross

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.