

UUSS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Thursday, August 26, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

via Zoom

Draft Minutes



In attendance: Anara Guard, David Harlow, Denis Edgren, Eric Ross, Frances Myers, Hally Cahssai, Marilyn Reynolds, Rev. Roger Jones, Tonie Darling, Victoria Owens; Guest: Karen Gunderson
Absent: Rev. Lucy Bunch

7:00 **Welcome** to Board and guests: Tonie Darling Establish quorum
Chalice Lighting and Centering: Rev. Roger Jones
Consent Agenda Approved July meeting draft minutes

7:10 Board Business

Racial Justice Task Force: 8PAT discussion led by Karen Gunderson. We discussed the proposed matrix [see attached] and how it might be implemented with various groups (including Program Council and others) and the congregation at large. We will be encouraged to use the matrix to ask how various characteristics of white supremacy culture might manifest in ourselves, the group, and the congregation at large.

7:45 **Planning for retreat and orientation.** We decided to meet via Zoom, starting at 9:30 for two hours, break for 90 minutes, and then return for two hours. Anara will contact Elaine to cancel rooms. The orientation will cover finances, structure, and what worked well and not over the past year. The retreat will focus more on vision, leadership continuity, and increasing inclusivity.

7:50 **Treasurer's Report:** Victoria Owens [see documents sent out separately].

8:00 **Ministers' Report** – Rev. Roger Jones [see report sent separately]. Discussion of church services led into a discussion of whether there will be a need to reduce capacity or change policies. The board voted to empower the Executive Committee to act on our behalf, making any needed changes at the September meeting, following the 9/7 meeting of the Physical Gathering Task Force. We also discussed Sangye Hawke's recent ordination, the first held at UUSS in many years.

8:20 **Committee Substantive Issues**

- a. Program Council: Marilyn Reynolds. Will share with the board a working spreadsheet of groups and committees
- b. APMC (Administration and Property Management): Eric Ross [see report sent separately]
- c. Stewardship: David Harlow [needs co-chair]
- d. FRST (Fundraising Strategy Committee): Tonie Darling. FRST has new members but also needs co-chair as well as fall auction chair]
- e. Safety Committee: Denis Edgren, Liaison. Needs an area of Dropbox to house files and will need co-chair. Dirk can create Dropbox area.

Next Meetings:

- a. Executive Board Meeting (via Zoom): Monday, Sept 13 at 5:00 p.m.

- b. Board Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 23, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Victoria to provide chalice lighting and centering
- c. Board retreat, September 4th. 9:30-3 via Zoom

Closing: Roger Jones

8:45 Meeting Adjournment