

**UUSS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Thursday, July 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Library

**Minutes**



Present: Anara Guard, Denis Edgren, Eric Ross, Frances Myers, Hally Cahssai, Rev. Lucy Bunch, Marilyn Reynolds, Tonie Darling, Victoria Owens

Absent: David Harlow, Rev. Dr. Roger Jones

7:00 Welcome to Board: Tonie Darling

A quorum was established and new board member Frances welcomed. Following UUSS guidelines, the removal of masks was agreed upon by consensus among this fully vaccinated body.

The board approved the June meeting minutes. Eric moved and Marilyn seconded approval of the slight change to FRST's charge (adding that they also may solicit tangible items as well as funds.) Approved.

The board agreed to host our meetings on Zoom every other month (August, October, December, February, April and June).

7:10 Board Business

Lucy reported on the **Racial Justice Task Force** which is working on a toolkit to help groups engage with relevant portions of the rubric previously shared. A representative would like to attend the August board meeting; **Anara will follow up with Karen Gunderson.**

The **board retreat and orientation** will take place on Saturday, Sept. 4, starting at 9 am. **Anara will request** use of the Library, white board, and computer screen. Major topics will be: finances, UUSS structure, leadership development, and continuity.

Anara reported on the **Physical Gathering Task Force** meeting. Denis moved, Eric seconded and the board voted to approve that if the County tightens its Covid policies beyond what UUSS already practices, the Board will immediately change the language of our policy on the website, and will direct the Task Force to convene as early as possible to recommend any other changes that may be needed to comply with the mandate. **Victoria will work with Dirk** to highlight our Covid policy on the front page of the website. **Anara will communicate to the Task Force.**

Lucy reported that plans for **Sangye Hawke's ordination** on August 21 are proceeding. **Denis will participate** on behalf of the Board.

Tonie reported that a pending lawsuit against the church is being handled by our insurance company.

8:20 Victoria Owens presented the **Treasurer's report**. **She will send a note** for the weekly message, that, thanks to the congregation fulfilling their pledges, we have completed our fiscal year in the black.

8:30 Lucy provided a **Ministers' Report**. Rentals are coming in, both past renters returning and new events in the works. Krystal is working on custodial coverage for weekends and events on an on-call basis. Candidates for the Music Director are being interviewed.

8:45 Committee Substantive Issues—

- a. **Program Council**: Marilyn Reynolds, Liaison reported that other activities are resuming including Theater One in October, the bookstore, and planning for the patio dedication on July 31. **Program Council chairs will reach out to Tonie and Frances** regarding the strategic plan.
- b. **APMC** (Administration and Property Management): Eric Ross sent a detailed email of activities; **help on weeding day July 29<sup>th</sup>** would be appreciated!
- c. **Stewardship**: There is still need for a co-chair.
- d. **FRST** (Fundraising Strategy Committee): Tonie Darling reported there is need for a chair for the fall auction, as well as a co-chair for next year.

Next Meetings:

- a. All-church event July 31
- b. Executive Board Meeting (via Zoom): Monday, Aug. 9 at 5:00 p.m.
- c. Board Meeting: Thursday, Aug. 26, 7:00 p.m. **via Zoom. Roger to provide chalice lighting** and centering

Closing: Anara Guard

8:55 Meeting Adjournment

ADDENDUM: July 28

A vote was taken via email on whether to amend the USS Covid policy to align with the recent Sacramento County mandate, requiring masks indoors in all public settings. The board voted unanimously to amend the policy and to add the text as a link from the home page of our website.