

UUSS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Thursday, May 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom and in person

Minutes



Present in person: Susan Davis-James, Frances Myers, Anara Guard, Lucy Bunch, Marilyn Reynolds, Roger Jones, Jed Shapiro

Present on Zoom: Victoria Owens, Denis Edgren, Sally Wilkins, Hally Cahssai

Guests: Lisa Dahlquist, Leanna Pierson, Sara Patton, Karen Gunderson, Marion Randall

Note - There were several times that the internet disconnected the Zoom due to Comcast working in the area. Parts of the meeting discussions were interrupted and although it was frustrating the board was able to continue the meeting.

6:30 Anara Guard welcomed board members and guests and established a quorum. Anara Guard read Chalice Lighting and Centering. April minutes were approved with a minor change.

Board Business

1. Sally Wilkins updated the board about the delegates to GA. The eight delegates are: Mary and Rich Howard, Karen and Meg Gunderson, Sean Fountain, Beth TenPas, Andy Cramer, Marlaina Rodriquez. There will be a series of watch parties so that any member of UUSS can participate, but only the delegates can vote.
2. Anara recapped the May 21 Congregational Meeting by saying that it went very well, of note the counting was a little awkward, a suggestion was to possibly hand out numbers as people enter. Question - do we have a plan b if there is not a quorum at a congregational meeting?
3. Marion Randall and Karen Gunderson presented the updated Charter for the Racial Justice Committee Charter. The committee is changing its name to Justice and Equity Team (JET) to more clearly represent the goals of anti-oppression for all marginalized groups. Roger suggested adding language to the charter to indicate a multi-generational approach. There was a brief review of the board's role - which is monitoring JET and the strategic plan. During one of the internet outages as we were discussing JET, the Zoom folks had a discussion about how BIPOC individuals are represented in our justice and equity work. Karen and Marion will follow-up.
4. The board began discussions about how UUSS communicates both externally (to the wider congregation and also internally (between staff/leadership/volunteers). The board agreed that they should prioritize external communication. There were a lot of concerns about the ease of use of our current website. It was suggested that a task force be created.
5. Frances asked for volunteers for the 2023-24 Opening/Closing and Board Update Schedule and will email a version of the schedule so that board members can sign-up online.

Treasurer's Report: Victoria Owens - Written report

Ministers' Reports - Rev. Dr. Roger Jones and Rev. Lucy Bunch - Written report

Neither minister will be at the next Board meeting since they will be at GA

Committee Substantive Issues if needed

- a. Program Council: Susan Davis-James
 - a. Susan Davis is stepping down as chair of the program council
- b. APMC (Administration and Property Management)
 - a. Will be holding a plant sale for the meadow project
 - b. Is looking into solar
- c. FRST (Fundraising Strategy): Jed Shapiro
- d. Nominating Committee: Hally Cahssai
 - a. still meeting to see what changes need to be made in preparation for next year
- e. Justice and Equity Team (JET): Frances Myers - discussed under board business
- f. Social Justice Coordinating Council: Frances Myers - written report
- g. UUA Denomination Issues - Sally Wilkins - discussed under board business
- h. Safety Committee: Denis Edgren

Next Meetings:

- a. Executive Board Meeting (via Zoom): June 12, at 5 pm
- b. Board Meeting (via Zoom & in person): June 22, 6:30 pm.; June Chalice Lighting and Closing - Susan Davis-James

Recap board decisions for May Monthly Board Update: Anara Guard

Closing: Anara Guard

8:30 Meeting Adjournment