

UUSS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Thursday, August 24th, 2023, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom and in person

Minutes



Present in person: Lisa Dahlquist, Susan Davis-James, Anara Guard, Jed Shapiro, Roger Jones, Lucy Bunch, Leanna Pierson, Rosemary Dodd

Present on Zoom: Denis Edgren, Hally Cahssai

6:30 Anara welcomed board members and the board welcomed Rosemary Dodd, our ministerial intern for this church year.

Jed read Chalice Lighting and Centering.

July minutes required a correction so revised minutes will be on the consent agenda to approve in September meeting.

Board Business

1. Digital Security Discussion: Anara sent the notes from the meeting on Aug. 16th to attendees and Board members. Dirk said he would make them into a task list.
The board discussed making the member directory available online again. Among items discussed were options for stronger access controls and opt-in and opt-out choices for members. The decision was made to use features of Breeze, a program that the church already has, to implement directory sharing. Board members will be pilot testers. This topic will be discussed further at next month's meeting.
2. Meadow Project Funding: Denis shared that the plant sale is going well, about 70% of the plants have been sold. The plants are for the pollinator garden. The more challenging part of the meadow project was the "Green Circle", but recent decisions have been made to use clover, which is not as expensive as other grown covers because, among other things, it can be seeded instead of requiring sod. The Fund-a-need may fund the whole expense for the green circle.
3. Activities Fair September 10th, Board presence: Anara encouraged the board members to attend and play matchmaker for members and activities.
4. Solar bid recommendation: Denis reported that the group is at initial stages of analysis and waiting on a re-bid from one vendor.
5. Board Retreat take-aways: board members commit to
 - taking more active role in encouraging rentals,
 - emphasize transparency in how funds are used,
 - be more explicit about the fact that the congregation's members and friends are the only ones funding UUSS activities and that if our congregation wants to realize it's goals, it is the members who need to increase the resources to make the goals a reality

Treasurer's Report: Victoria Owens - Written report

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

Committee Substantive Issues, as needed

- a. Program Council: Susan Davis-James

- b. APMC (Administration and Property Management): Denis Edgren
- c. FRST (Fundraising Strategy): Jed Shapiro
 - Fall Auction scheduled for Nov. 4th is fully staffed
 - Russian Composers concert is scheduled for August 27th
 - SJCC will lead the social justice fundraising
 - There have been cash and in-kind donations for the Afghan refugees we're helping
 - There are two co-chairs for the next Pledge Drive
 - Gina Guarneri has finalized the Book of Recognition and Gratitude; it is now displayed in the library
- d. Nominating Committee: Hally Cahssai
Currently on summer break
- e. Social Justice Coordinating Council: Leanna Pierson
Meeting next Monday, Aug. 28th
- f. Safety Committee: Denis Edgren
 - Had the first meeting on July 30th, will meet the 4th Sunday of every month
 - Safety Committee documentation will be kept in Dropbox, under BOT
 - Topics have been health-focused so far
 - 90% done with the "disruptive person policy"

Next Meetings:

- a. Executive Board Meeting (via Zoom): Monday, September 11, 5 pm
- b. Board Meeting (via Zoom & in person): Thursday, September 28, 6:30 pm; August Chalice Lighting and Closing: Leanna Pierson

Recap board decisions for August Monthly Board Update: Jed Shapiro

Closing: Jed Shapiro

8:05 Meeting Adjournment