

UUCL Spring Congregational Meeting

5/24/20

Via Zoom Meeting

Fifty-one (of 211 eligible to vote) members were in attendance, along with 14 friends or staff.

1. Meeting called to order by Alan Jacobs, Board President. All present indicated that they were able to hear and those calling in via phone were identified.
2. George Herr-Riser offered opening words and the lighting of the chalice.
3. **Alan Jacobs reviewing the meeting and voting procedures for this online meeting. A motion to adopt them carried.**
4. Reverend Barbara Coeyman called the congregation's attention to the recent message from UUA President Susan Frederick-Gray's letter with recommendations for the suspension of in person worship through May 2021. [The text of the letter reads, "Based on advice from experts, we continue to recommend that congregations not gather in person. We also recommend that congregations begin planning for virtual operations for the next year (through May 2021)."]
5. Updates
 - a. Lou Ann Miller reported on the efforts of the Little Sparrows Task Force which attempted phone contact with each and every member and friend in the congregation.
 - b. Lenore Bashare-Dukes reported on the progress of Lifespan Faith Development during this COVID-19 crisis and lifted up Suz Boyle and Joanna Loewenstein for their leadership of Spirit Play, along with other members of the Children's Faith Development Council.
6. Budget
 - a. John Snyder reported that the budget was approached in its regular manner and includes funding for both an Operations Manager to start mid-year and the contract for the new minister.
 - b. It includes financial commitments (pledges) of \$300,000 (contrasted with actual pledges of \$275,000 for 2019-20). Stewardship is running short of even the \$275,000 figure which is a cause for concern. We do have reserves or other unbudgeted monies -- \$60,000 in Operating Reserves, \$46,000 in Federal PPP loan a good portion of which is expected to be forgiven, and funds from a bequest.
 - c. We are continuing payroll at 100% during this COVID-19 period.

- d. Budget also includes funding of \$3500 annually toward the sabbatical leave for the new minister.
 - e. John noted the need to carefully move forward with any budget in this uncertain times.
 - f. **Dave Dussinger made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Heather Gehron-Rice seconded, and the motion carried.**
7. Treasurer
- a. The Board of Trustees has appointed Jonas Kauffman to take over the Treasurer's position from John. Appreciation and accolades were given to John Snyder whose long service stabilized what was once a shaky financial picture. He was recognized with the title of Treasurer Emeritus.
 - b. **In accordance with the bylaws, the Congregation voted to affirm Jonas' appointment as the incoming Treasurer.**
8. Board of Trustees Election
- a. Alan Jacobs and Fred Foster-Clark have offered to be nominated for a second term of Board service. Additionally, the Leadership Development Committee made the nomination of Brad Weaver to fulfill an unexpired term (through June 2022) on the Board.
 - b. No nominations were made from the floor so secret ballot voting commenced via text, calls, or Zoom chat per instructions shared with the congregation.
 - c. The three nominees were duly elected by vote of the Congregation.
9. Adjournment
- a. The meeting ended at 12:20 pm with the extinguishing of the chalice.

Respectfully submitted by Fred Foster-Clark, Board Secretary