

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes July 26, 2022

**Location: 2650 North Druid Hills Road**

[Agenda](#)

**Present:** Maureen McAndrews, President, David Yamashita, President-Elect, Dave Sjoquist, Finance Trustee, Beth Martinez, Secretary, Liebs Liebman, Jason Delaney, Allen Lee, Leta Woo, Barbara Begner, Bryce Thomason

**Absent:** Taryn Strauss

**Maureen McAndrews** called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm.

**Opening Word -Barbara Begner**

Opening words from To Bless This Space Between Us by John O'Donohue.

**Circle of Connection - Maureen**

Members shared how we have stayed connected with UUCA and our principals the last few months.

**New Business - Maureen**

Barabara asked each board member to call about 22-25 people to check in and remind everyone about the soft opening on August 7, and the Grand Opening/Home Blessing on September 18. Any pastoral concerns should be sent to Barbara, along with any membership information.

**Thank You Message from the Board**

Thank you messages for the month go to Joy Kniskern and Annie Archbold for leading the pop-up service in July with a walk/hike/picnic. Thanks also go to Natalie Snedden, Jim Kelly, Bert Pearce for leading the pop-up service day at Nicholas House.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

**Financial Reports - Dave Sjoquist**

if things continue as predicted then we will finish the year with a smaller than budgeted deficit. Discussion points included how much total has been spent as of July on Project Phoenix, if the pledging units that have not yet contributed this year are on the call list, how much will we need to finance to complete Project Phoenix, do we need a

membership drive, concerns that there is no staff for membership, no membership pathway as of right now. Liebs and Maureen volunteered to work with Bryce using Realm to create a membership pathway, suggestion to have a box on the Stewardship form to gather more information if a pledging unit is a member or friend of UUCA. The financial reports were approved.

#### **Healthy Relations Committee - Beth Martinez**

HRC has requested to present as part of the Inquirers Class. Board responded that the format is changing but the HRC is on the Courage/Social Justice track as a pathway to membership. HRC asked if there are institutional policies that produce conflict should the HRC bring these to the board's attention with suggested solutions. The board said this is one role of the HRC and the ARAOMC committees. HRC is working on a document and process for a Conflict Resolution within the congregation.

#### **Project Phoenix - Bryce Thomason**

Everything is not on schedule due to Covid, supply chain issues, labor shortages, and errors. All storage units are empty. Staff is working hard to move in. Bryce thanked Travis and all the staff and volunteers who have helped in this process.

#### **8th Principal Committee - Jason Delaney**

Committee is looking at other congregations. Planning on hosting a kickoff campaign - virtual. Will set up written communication in weekly update, want to have a page on the UUCA.org, Will be meeting with small groups within the congregation, formal and informal. Discussion about anonymous comment box - suggestion made to make a QR code to a form along with hard copy forms. Question asked if there is a plan in place for any conflict generated from discussion.

#### **ARAOMC Committee - Allen Lee, Liebs Liebman**

Postponed until next Board meeting

#### **Nominating Committee - Leta Woo**

Discussion on official name of the committee and how to get it changed if desired by committee members - must be changed by a bylaw. This committee would like to participate in any upcoming leadership development classes so they get a chance to get to know developing leaders so they can more easily ask congregants to fill a role, as the committee members already know strengths and gifts. Leta requested if any board members have job descriptions to please send them to her and the Nominating Committee.

#### **Stewardship Committee - Barbara Begner**

Discussion of theme, logo and goal, training of callers. Planning a big event for late September or late October. Suggestions, ideas and brainstorming for the committee:

Brunch event, silent phase (as in capital campaign), QR code flyers to do a one time donation, make it less about money and more about investing in our vision, remember stakeholders vs. donors, remembering to make it a big ask because congregants believe in the vision and will give more if asked, be cautious about the difference between pledge cards and donations.

**Process Observation - Maureen**

The board stayed in covenant, good humor throughout, stayed on task, ARAOMC included discussions during Healthy Relations Committee and Stewardship. Highpoint was the Stewardship conversation, no real lowpoint. Most meaningful part was the discussion about the Stewardship campaign.

**Next Board Meeting - August 23, 2022**

Dinner will be provided by Maureen  
Opening and Closing words by Liebs

**Closing Words - Barbara Begner**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm**