

## **Board of Trustees Minutes November 29, 2022**

**Location: 2650 North Druid Hills Road**

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

**Maureen** called the meeting to order at 6:22.

**Chalice Lighting and Opening Words:** Leta

**Circle of Connection:** Maureen led the board in sharing winter traditions they are looking forward to.

**Announcements, New Business:** Due to the Town Halls and Congregational Meeting scheduled in December, there will be no Board of Trustees Meeting in December.

### **Old Business:**

- Name for the library has been deferred for when we have more information and new staff have been added.
- Input from the board on how to call Taryn as our minister is needed. Suggestions were to have town halls after the New Year, have a website for questions, and conduct a meeting in February.
- The board discussed educating the congregation about the Article II proposal. There will be a preliminary vote at General Assembly and we want to be transparent with the congregation as some congregants are concerned. The board has charged the 8th principal committee with educating the congregation about the 8th principle only and at this time the Board does not want to entangle the two proposals together. The UUA is conducting a preliminary vote on Article II this summer, with a vote in 2024 for a recommended policy, so there is more time to learn about it. The Board proposed a website with links to information so delegates and congregants can be informed about Article II. The Board agreed to have no in-person Article II sessions this Spring.
- Proposal for a marketing plan - deferred.
- Aiden McMahon applied to be an aspirant. The vote to approve his status passed unanimously.
- The Board will consult with the HRC for procedures and policies if a congregant is out of covenant.

### **Thank you messages for the month - Maureen and the Board**

The board would like to thank Janel Dennard and Barbara Begner for their work with the Stewardship Campaign, along with Tony Stringer for an inspiring and amazing Call to the Offering for the November Give Away the Plate.

**Minutes - Beth**

Maureen moved to approve October's minutes and Liebs seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Finance Report - Dave**

Revenue and expenditures were less than budgeted for this last month, so now we have a smaller than budgeted deficit. As of last month's financial reports, the deficit is around \$24,000. The budget looks as expected with nothing out of the ordinary for this time of year. Jason moved to approve the financial reports, Liebs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2023 Operating Budget - Bryce**

Bryce reported that the congregation has generously pledged almost \$100,000 more than last year. However, the new campus entails more costs than the Treehouse, along with the economy and inflation requires more money than we have pledged. The Board has agreed to defer the associate minister position, small groups will receive no money this year, we will not pay the UUA dues as of now to balance the budget. For the last four years part of the budget revenues were a transfer of Project Phoenix funds. We do not have that for the 2023 Operating Budget, except for the money that can be transferred from the 2022 budget year because of the smaller than budgeted deficit that Project Phoenix transfer covers. Bryce discussed the need to do a reserve study to make sure we are putting the correct amount of money into reserve for future capital repairs and renovations such as carpeting, roofing, etc.

**Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice: Leta**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58.