

## **Board of Trustees Minutes January 24, 2023**

**Location: 2650 North Druid Hills UUCA Campus**

**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 6:16

**Chalice Lighting and Opening Words:** Maureen shared a writing from Eric Walker.

**Announcements, New Business:** Bailey Pope and Sven Lovegren presented in person to ask the board to reconsider offering an adult RE program offered by Jay Kiskel. Bailey and Sven highly recommend that UUCA offer a workshop for the congregation to look at the history of Article II led by Jay Kiskel..

**Circle of Connection:** Maureen led the board in sharing what they would like to shine a light on more as the new year begins

### **Old Business:**

- Name for the library has been deferred for when we have more information and new staff have been added.
- The Call Process Task Force has been put together to explore the process of calling Taryn Strauss as our senior minister. Members include Nancy Bartlett, Erin Stanfill, Jim Kelley, Mary Crawley, Lyn Conley, Maureen McAndrews and David Yamashita. The Task Force has asked for a meeting with Taryn. The chair and co-chair will be determined at their next meeting.
- Decision was made to ask Jay and another leader to offer a workshop in May to educate the congregation and especially any delegates going to GA about Article II. Taryn plans to look at doing more rigorous discernment about the values/principles in the fall.
- The digital sign in the front of the property has been installed, and we are waiting on electricians to come and connect the power.

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

The board would like to thank Michael Dangerfield, Jeep Hook and George Macon for their time, effort and expertise in sound, lights and video. The board also thanks Gina

Livingston for being such an integral part of making the UUCA campus an art hub and creating programming that deepens the worship series.

### **Minutes - Beth**

Beth moved to approve October's minutes and Dave seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **AVOM - Taryn**

- Taryn discussed the need to retrain or refresh the Radical Welcome Training with the Sunday morning guides.
- There is a need to reorganize the path to Membership.
- Taryn would like to train Board Members in pastoral care next year.
- A congregant has donated money for a position to coordinate Social Justice Programming. Taryn plans to launch a matching grant initiative in the Fall to hire for a position to grow programming and help with an all congregation focus, perhaps mass incarceration.
- March 19 - Social Justice Summit
- Arts Friday takes place February 3.

### **Finance Report - Dave**

The Finance Committee met on January 23rd. Revenues were down from expectations about \$30,000. Expenditures are up but within budget. There is a smaller year end deficit than budgeted, about \$30,000 which will be transferred to the 2023 budget as passed and discussed at the December Congregational Meeting. There were a total of 318 pledges last year, and 93 did not complete their commitment which leads to a \$40,000 shortfall. Bryce will generate a list of congregants that owe more than \$500.00 and board members will call to check in. Dave stressed how important membership is. In 2013 there were 586 pledging units and in 2023 there are 318. Dave moved to approve the Finance report, Maureen seconded and it was unanimously approved.

### **Stewardship Committee - Barbara**

Barbara will get with the Nominating Committee to discuss restructuring the Stewardship Committee.

**Healthy Relations Committee** - The committee asked the Board to review and approve revisions to the Mission Vision and Functions and the Problem Resolution Process. The board agreed to the revisions. The HRC is planning to participate in a UUA training for Right Relations teams in March and April.

**8th Principle Committee - Jason**

Jason will offer an adult RE three session workshop in February.

**Nominating Committee - Leta**

Taryn met with the committee earlier this month. They are excited to continue the effort to help coordinate Leadership Development.

**Process Observation - Board**

How well did the Board adhere to the Covenant? There was respectful communication, good humor, and stayed on task. One thing to work on is talking over others. The Board referenced our ARAOMC principles during our discussion of work of the 8th Principle committee, the Arts Programming and the worship series. The high energy point was new about the digital sign, the low energy point was discussing the pledge payments that were not completed. The most meaningful moment was the Board's reconsideration of offering Article II workshops this year.

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

**Next Meeting: February 28, 2023**

**Chalice Lighter: David**

**Dinner Provider: Beth**