

Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda April 25, 2023

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,, Bryce Thomason, Taryn Strauss

Absent: Barbara Begner

Maureen called the meeting to order at 6:20.

Chalice Lighting and Opening Words: Dave

Maureen shared "Remembering Our Unity".

Circle of Connection:

Maureen led the board in sharing what inspires awe.

Announcements, New Business:

- A. Maureen moved to approve the following delegates to General Assembly: David Yamashita, Laura Yamashita, Doug Abell, Anthony Stringer, Sekayi Stringer, and Karen Reagle. Liebs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Board members discussed plans for the Town Halls (May 7 at 1:30, May 17 at 7:00) and the Congregational Meeting (May 21 at 1:30).

Old Business:

- A. Educating the congregation on Article II - Andrea and Claire will work with David, along with Jay. This workshop is scheduled for June 3, 2023 with lunch included.
- B. Work to increase revenue sufficiently to support the growth of the congregation - Dave pulled together some members to brainstorm fundraising ideas:
 1. Concert Dinner - Pat Harris is willing to organize and work with a committee
 2. Trunk Sale
 3. Auction - Maureen is willing to help. Suggestion was brought up to include or mostly use community building items such as dinner at a congregant's house, art lessons, etc.

The Board discussed the best time for these fundraisers, how often do we try to fundraise, do we want it to be outwardly facing to include the community. Monthly fundraisers are harder to sustain because it competes with Sunday Morning plates and Give Away the Plate.

Thank you messages for the Month: Maureen/Board

The Board would like to thank the organizers of the retreat: John Reese, Nicole Haines, Mark Williams, Margaret Williams and Kate Sweeney. The Board would also like to thank the RE team that organized the Easter Egg Hunt: Carl Pelizza, Laura Beth Brown. Liebs and Leta offered to help Maureen complete the thank you notes for the month.

Annual Vision of the Ministry Update: Taryn

Taryn will preach at the General Assembly this summer at the UU Christian Fellowship.

There is a need to develop artistic standards and guidelines for our gallery showings and arts programming.

Taryn is working on fundraising for an assistant minister.

UUCA small staff will attend the Orange Conference, an evangelical church growth conference held in Atlanta.

The staff has created a video for the prerecorded workshops for the General Assembly this summer. The video is about our Radical Welcome congregational strategy.

The Congregational Retreat was a success, although the Mountain's registration process complicated the planning process.

On March 31st, UUCA hosted an interfaith summit to End Mass Incarceration. Several different faith communities attended: Ebenezer Baptist Church, Congregation Bet Haverim, which could lead to closer partnerships on this issue and others. Joy Borra is interested in making this an all-congregation action issue.

Taryn and Bryce asked the Board to review the contract with the Spiritual Living Center rental.

Approval of the Minutes - Beth

Beth motioned to approve last month's minutes, and Maureen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report - Dave

Bryce reported that the previous year-to-date financials would be reissued to correctly account for a larger carryover than anticipated and will be ready for review prior to the May congregational meeting.

Nominating Committee - Leta

The Nominating Committee will continue working on procedures and policies to make the process of getting a slate of nominations more efficient and smoother.

8th Principle Committee - Jason

The committee feels like they have fulfilled the Board's charge to educate the congregation about the 8th Principle. David moved to put the 8th Principle on the agenda for the Congregational Meeting for a vote. Maureen seconded, all voted in favor.

Process Observation - Maureen

Maureen observed that the meeting was completed with respectful communication, good humor, conflicts were handled appropriately and the Board mostly stayed on task. ARAOMC principles- Discussion of delegates, white supremacy disruptive, 8th principle vote. Most meaningful moment was the opening sharing and potluck dinner.

Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice - Maureen**Next Meeting: May 23, 2023**

Chalice Lighter:

Dinner Provider: