

ITEM 6- CONSENT AGENDA

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

Board of Trustees

Minutes of October 16, 2019 Meeting

Attendance

Linda Brennison (President), Richard McLeod (President-Elect), Bob Gillespie (Secretary), Jeanette Walton (Treasurer), Terrence Sullivan, John Logue, Jessica Kross, Deb Matherly (via Zoom) and Pat Mohr. Also: Tim VanDenBerg (*Ex Officio* as Past President) and Caroline Eastman (*Ex Officio* as Chair, Finance Committee).

Call to Order

Linda Brennison called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Richard McLeod lighted the chalice and Deb Matherly provided a reading of poems by Wendell Berry. Attendees recited the Board Covenant.

Consent Agenda

Linda Brennison proposed adoption of a “consent agenda,” in which routine, procedural, informational and self-explanatory/non-controversial items are grouped together and voted on as a group. Board members may request specific items be moved to the full agenda for individual attention. The proposal was approved unanimously by voice vote.

October’s consent agenda – encompassing Administrator’s Report, DRE, Committee Reports, Pledge and Capital Reports, September Board Minutes and Honor Congregation Status – was approved unanimously.

Financial Statements & Treasurer’s Report

Caroline Eastman reported that the Capital Campaign 2016 now has 116 pledge units totaling \$199,899. The Pledge Drive for 2018-2019 has 118 pledge units with total pledges of \$207,975.

Jeanette Walton reported the UUCC has sufficient money to cover upcoming expenses, with a positive variance of \$5,083 at the end of the month. Linda Brennison reported Beck Sullivan is helping train DRE Scott Sargent on compiling the CYRE budget, which will be turned in by February 2020. Walton reported the Social Action Committee saved money by not renting a float for the Pride Parade, using a truck instead. The Board approved the financial statements and treasurer’s report by voice vote.

Old Business

Tim VanDenBerg proposed creation of Cross-Functional Team (CFT) Subcommittees for each standing committee as identified in the UUCC By-Laws. Following discussion on how the UUCC will conduct business in the future and questions about the role of CFTs vs. ad hoc committees, the Board voted to table the motion until November's Board meeting.

Linda Brennison distributed a Building Lockup List with Board members signing up for weekly duties.

New Business

Linda Brennison proposed creation of two new subcommittees and the re-titling of two existing groups as subcommittees. The Security Team and Memorial Garden committee will become subcommittees of the Building & Grounds Committee, while the Partner Church Program Group and the Animal Ministry Program Group will become subcommittees of Denominational Connections and Social Action, respectively. The proposal was approved by voice vote.

Brennison said the Security Team, per discussions with law enforcement, will apply for a funding grant available in February 2020.

Jessica Kross led discussion on the role of future Congregational Conversations, whether these should be for information purposes or for congregation-wide discussions of the direction of the UUCC.

Caroline Eastman reviewed the UUCC Fundraisers Policy, with Deb Matherly asking if a Fundraiser Committee is needed. Under UUCC Bylaws, fundraising activity must directly benefit UUCC in whole or in part. Linda Brennison asked the Finance Committee to investigate whether the policy should be amended and report back to the Board.

Pat Mohr volunteered as chalice lighter for the Nov. 20 Board meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Bob Gillespie, Secretary