

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

Board of Trustees

Minutes of January 15, 2020 Meeting

Attendance

Linda Brennison (President), Rod Brown (President-Elect), Bob Gillespie (Secretary), Jeanette Walton (Treasurer), Terrence Sullivan, John Logue, Jessica Kross and Pat Mohr. Also: Tim VanDenBerg (*Ex Officio* as Past President). Visit for information: David Bryan. Absent: Caroline Eastman (*Ex Officio* as Chair, Finance Committee), Deb Matherly.

Call to Order

Linda Brennison called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Rod Brown lighted the chalice and provided a reading from Mary Oliver's poem "Buddha's Last Instruction." Attendees recited the Board Covenant.

Consent Agenda

A motion by Linda Brennison to approve the agenda was accepted unanimously. A motion to accept the month's consent agenda was approved unanimously. The agenda included Administrator's Report, DRE, Committee Reports, December board meeting minutes, revised Liaison to Committee Reports and December financial statement.

Financial Statements & Treasurer's Report

Jeanette Walton reported total pledges of \$111,657 toward a 2019-2020 budget of \$216,559, or 51.56 percent.

Security Presentation

David Bryan of the Security Committee gave a report for information to the Board on UUCC Safety and Security. He cited FBI statistics for 2017-18 on hate crimes, which indicated 15 percent were directed toward places of worship. Linda Brennison noted that the UUCC has applied for a \$100,000 federal grant for security, and Bryan requested UUCC members reach out to their federal representatives to help secure the grant.

Old Business

Linda Brennison proposed and the Board approved an ad hoc committee to create a charge for the Publicity Committee, created at the December Board meeting. Tim VanDenBerg was appointed chairman of the ad hoc committee, to work with Laura Hartwig on UUCC social media policies and procedures.

Brennison reported on updated plans for the Jan. 19 Congregational Conversation. Rod Brown and Pat Mohr volunteered to be backups for Rev. Robinson.

Board members signed up for building lockup duties for the next several months.

New Business

The Board approved by voice vote the appointment of Carol Dodson to the Personnel Committee, replacing Richard McLeod in that role.

The Board approved by voice vote the formation of an ad hoc Fundraising Committee, and approved appointment of Don Dodson as its chairman.

Linda Brennison reported a \$1,500 donation toward purchase of new motion-activated lighting and five wired security cameras, and the Board approved matching funds up to \$3,000 from the restricted Capital Fund Reserve Account. The Capital Fund balance is listed as \$10,338.

Information Items

Linda Brennison presented information on the Jan. 29 “Cocoa with a Cop” program, 9-11 a.m. at Richland County’s Main Library on Assembly Street.

Brennison presented Board members with a link to a Church Mutual Live Event/Preparing for Armed Intruder: <https://www.churchmutual.com/12471/Armed-Intruder-Events>.

Brennison, standing in for Finance chair Caroline Eastman, reminded that committee budgets are due in February.

Terrence Sullivan volunteered as chalice lighter for the Feb. 18 board meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by: Bob Gillespie, Secretary