

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

Board of Trustees

Minutes of February 26, 2020 Meeting (corrections included)

Attendance

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

Call to Order

Linda Brennison called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Terrence Sullivan lighted the chalice and provided a reading of “This Be The Vision” by Phillip Larkin from “The House of Light.” Attendees recited the Board Covenant.

Consent Agenda

The Board unanimously approved the agenda and also the consent agenda. The consent agenda included Administrator’s Report, DRE, Committee Reports, January board meeting minutes and Liaison to Committee Reports.

Financial Statements & Treasurer’s Report

Jeanette Walton reported total pledges of \$127,987 toward a 2019-2020 budget of \$216,559, or 59.1 percent. Year to date amount budgets for pledges was \$125,626.

Old Business

Publicity Subcommittee

Tim VanDenBerg reported on the ad hoc committee which is creating a charge for the new Publicity Subcommittee of the Membership Committee, establishing social media policies and how the UUCC markets itself. Laura Hartwig is chair of the publicity subcommittee, with members Tiffany Rushton, Beth Ann Rochleau and Kevin Meredith. Linda Brennison directed that the charge be completed by the board’s March 18 meeting.

Ad hoc Fundraising Committee

The Board approved a proposal to make the ad hoc Fundraising committee a subcommittee of the Finance Committee. Don Dotson (chair) and Jean Capalbo are members of the subcommittee.

New Business

Pledge Drive Update

Caroline Eastman reported the pledge drive, with a goal of \$235,000, was to begin with the March 8 kickoff and a theme of “We Can Soar Together.” Linda Brennison reported the budget is scheduled to be presented to the board in April with a May approval date.

Congregational Vote

The Board approved a proposal by Jessica Kross, representing the Leadership Development Committee, to hold a Congregational vote on Rod Brown for the position of Board President Elect for 2020-21. The vote will take place at the annual meeting on May 31. Rod was named by the board to fill the position vacated by Richard McLeod. Other nominations should be submitted to Emilio Jorge-Perez, chair of the LDC.

Music Coordinator

The Board approved a proposal by Deb Matherly to spend \$350 annually for a professional development program and \$90 for an annual membership in the Association for UU Music Ministries (AUUMM) as requested by music director Anna Hamilton. Linda Brennison directed the Finance Committee to establish a line item for future professional development for the music director.

Sound System Proposal

The Board approved a proposal by Richard McLeod and David Roof, of the Building & Grounds Committee, to purchase and install a new audio system at a total cost of \$4,828. Gifts totaling \$2,300 were received from Tom Clements and Richard and Linda McLeod, with the balance (\$2,528) to be paid from the Capital Restricted Account; Pat Mohr amended the proposal to spend \$2,700 from the account, which was approved.

Security Cameras

The Board approved a proposal by Pat Mohr and the Building & Grounds Committee to buy and install three additional security cameras, to be installed in the hall of the CYRE Wing and playground, at a cost of \$400 from restricted capital funds.

Fund Raising

The board approved a proposal by Pat Mohr to reimburse Tom Neilson \$400 for fund-raising expenses, to be paid from the Finance Committee budget.

Information Items

Linda Brennison reported on a security report on UUCC from the Richland County Sheriff’s Department, and presented an updated Committee List.

Deb Matherly volunteered as chalice lighter for the March 18 board meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted by: Bob Gillespie, Secretary

