

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

Board of Trustees

Minutes of March 18, 2020 Meeting

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, all via Zoom. Also: Caroline Eastman (*Ex Officio* as Chair, Finance Committee), Tim VanDenBerg (*Ex Officio* as Past President) and Rev. Stephen Robinson, all via Zoom.

Call to Order

Linda Brennison called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Deb Matherly lighted the chalice and read lyrics from the 1992 Garth Brooks song “We Shall Be Free.”

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the agenda and also the consent agenda. The consent agenda included Administrator’s Report, DRE, Committee Reports, February board meeting minutes and Liaison to Committee Reports (as submitted).

Financial Statements & Treasurer’s Report

Jeanette Walton reported that February Financial Statements are incomplete; via Linda Brennison, Ginny Verne reported finances should be in good shape through the end of the fiscal year.

Old Business

Pledge Drive Update

Caroline Eastman, via Linda Brennison, reported pledges of \$90,868 to date, compared to \$112,500 at a comparable date in 2019. Eastman stated uncertainties due to the Coronavirus are likely why pledges are running behind. Members are urged to email pledge amounts to the Administrator at uucc@uucolumbia.org. Via email, member Don Dodson suggested that Federal stimulus checks that are not needed by congregants might be donated to UUCC.

Publicity Subcommittee

Tim VanDenBerg reported nothing has been done since the February board meeting about creating a charge for the new Publicity Subcommittee of the Membership Committee. Linda Brennison recommended the ad hoc committee directed to create the charge meet via Zoom before the April board meeting.

Update on Sound System

Via Caroline Eastman, Richard McLeod reported sound system equipment has been purchased and should be installed by the time the Congregation is back in the UUCU facility. Linda Brennison reported three new security cameras have been installed. Two of the new cameras are in the RC Wing and one covers the playground.

New Business

Donations of Fixtures and Furnishings

The Board approved a proposal by the Building & Grounds Committee to create a policy for acceptance of non-monetary, in-kind donations. It will be posted on our website.

Tree Removal

John Logue reported on the need to remove a tree on the north side of the RE Wing, which is encroaching on a neighbor's garage. The Board approved a bid of \$1,200 for the removal, with funds to come from Building & Grounds.

New Adult RE Liaison

The Board appointed Jeanette Walton to replace Pat Mohr as Adult RE Liaison.

Postponements and Cancellations

The Board approved a proposal to extend cancellation or postponement of all on-site activities until April 30. That date may be extended beyond April 30 if the Board deems it necessary.

Door Code

The Board approved a proposal to change the door code, and to close the building to all but essential Staff members working in the facility. Linda Brennison, Rev. Stephen Robinson and members of the Executive Committee will have the code for emergency use only.

Closed Facility/Administrator Duties

The Board approved continued closing of the facility, including the library, until further notice. Access will be limited to Staff, Rev. Stephen Robinson and Linda Brennison with backup by the Executive Committee. The Administrator will make bank deposits until regular services resume, with Linda Brennison and Jeanette Walton as backups.

Boston Trip Cancellation, Interruption Insurance

The Board discussed the likelihood of the CYRE Boston Trip (June 12-19) being postponed or cancelled; Linda Brennison was to meet with Scott Sargent about the matter. The Board tabled discussion until the April Board Meeting. Tim VanDenBerg will report back on possible use of business interruption insurance to cover trip costs/losses.

Pat Mohr volunteered as chalice lighter for the April 15 board meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Submitted by: Bob Gillespie, Secretary

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