

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

Board of Trustees

Minutes of May 20, 2020 Meeting (with corrections by Linda Brennison)

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 via Zoom: Caroline Eastman (*Ex Officio* as Chair, Finance Committee), Tim VanDenBerg (*Ex Officio* as Past President), Scott Sargent and Emilio Perez-Jorge for information.

Call to Order

Linda Brennison called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Rod Brown lit the chalice and read from “Conflagration” by John A. Buehrens and a poem by Anne Hillman.

Consent Agenda

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

Financial Statements & Treasurer’s Report

Jeanette Walton reported the endowment account is at \$143,993, down \$6,000 from this date in 2019. Linda Brennison reported pledges are about \$5,000 behind previous years, but with expenses down due to Covid-19 issues, the overall picture is good. A proposal by Pat Mohr was approved to send letters to members who are delinquent on their pledges.

Old Business

UUCC To Remain Closed

The Board approved continuing cancellation of activities in the UUCC facility until further notice. All such decisions are made by the UUCC Board. Andrea Dudick will place notice of that decision in the Unigram. Committee meetings will continue via Zoom.

LDC Nominees Update

The list of candidates was finalized with Pat Mohr added for the position of President-Elect. Nominees will be voted on at the Congregation’s annual meeting May 31.

Pledge Drive Update

Caroline Eastman reported pledges received of \$196,262.83 (105 pledge units), which is about \$16,000 less than the revised goal for the end of June of \$212,489. Members are urged to email their pledge amounts to the Administrator at uucc@uucolumbia.org.

Paycheck Protection Loan

The Board, based on new information from BB&T, is applying for a Paycheck Protection Loan sponsored by the Small Business Association as part of the CARES Act. If approved, the loan would provide UUCC with approximately \$23,000 to be used for payroll, mortgage payments or rent and, if used under those conditions, would be forgiven.

Annual Meeting and Budget Discussion

The Finance Committee will lead a Zoom meeting on May 29 at 7 p.m. to discuss the proposed budget. The budget will be voted on during the Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 31 at 11:40 a.m. following Sunday services.

New Business

The Board appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Scott Sargent, Emilio Perez-Jorge and Tim VanDenBerg to study vaccination policies and procedures for CYRE. This followed discussion on the need for a UUCC policy to address concerns of anti-vaccination parents with children in CYRE, once a vaccine for COVID-19 is available.

The Board approved the appointment of Karen Brown to chair CYRE, and thanked outgoing chair Beck Sullivan for her service. The Board voted to cancel CYRE's Hogwarts Camp, scheduled for July, due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns.

The Board approved a proposal by the Treasurer for testing of accounts payable processing software from ACS.

June Chalice Lighter

Linda Brennison volunteered to light the June meeting chalice as part of her outgoing meeting as president.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted by: Bob Gillespie, Secretary