

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

Board of Trustees

Minutes of February 17, 2021 Meeting (February 18, 2021 draft for submission to Rod Brown, President – Board approved revisions will be made after March meeting with final minutes then submitted by Secretary to Lis Turner with copy to Rod Brown.)

Attendance

Rod Brown (President)

Pat Mohr (President-Elect)

Beth Ann Rocheleau (Secretary)

Linda Brennison (*Ex Officio* as Past President)

Caroline Eastman (*Ex Officio* as Finance Chair)

Jeanette Walton (Treasurer)

Jessica Kross, John Logue, Tiffany Rushton, Deb Matherly, Jonathan White (Trustees)

Karen Brown (Guest)

Joe Long (Guest)

Call to Order

Rod Brown called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Jessica Kross lit the chalice, reading from a poem by her cousin, Barbara Novack.

Rod Bown led the Board Covenant.

Prior Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the January 2021 minutes.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the agenda and the consent agenda.

Treasurer's Report – presentation of January and February Financial Statements

Jeannette Walton, Treasurer, reported that we are tracking well with budget. Receipts were roughly \$8,000 over expenses, covering the first installment on the HVAC work. Collections for the Minister's Discretionary Fund came to roughly \$1,500.

OLD BUSINESS

PPP Loan Forgiveness

The loan was forgiven.

CYRE Meet-ups

Jonathan White requested correction to October 2020 minutes to make clear that the Director of Religious Education will make decisions about future events according to Policy and Guidelines.

Cross Functioning Building Reopening Team

Deb Matherly reported on behalf of herself and Jonathan White about their initial work toward developing the team. She also reported that some UUA congregations have already developed matrices for determining stages of reopening, and suggested that we consider these and also make a point to be as transparent as possible, to communicate openly with our community, to consider including information on the UUCC web site about the reopening project, and to include status updates in *The Unigram*. The Board discussed and agreed to this approach, and also discussed the need to consider how we might be able to meet the needs of both the congregants who will be willing/able to attend in-person services, and those who may not be willing/able to attend in-person.

NEW BUSINESS

Security Grant and Security Walls

Joe Long presented a broad overview of the scope and scale of the grant-funded security updates project, and also presented a more detailed update on the design and specifications associated with prevention of intrusion into the building by automobiles. Joe offered to write an update for *The Unigram*.

Music Director's & Administrator's LOA

These were discussed and approved.

Proposed Policy for Stock Donations

The Finance Committee presented a policy change recommendation developed to avoid the need for UUCC to open and maintain a brokerage account, while also addressing the desire of member(s) to make donations of appreciated stock. The Board discussed the question, agreed to proceed, and will vote at the March 2021 meeting as to whether or not to accept the recommended policy change.

Chalice Lighter for March

Rod Brown volunteered to be chalice lighter for the March 17, 2021 meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Beth Ann Rocheleau, Secretary