

# ***Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia***

## ***Board of Trustees***

### **Attendance**

Pat Mohr (President\*)

Deb Matherly (President-Elect\*)

Beth Ann Rocheleau (Secretary\*)

Ginny Verne (Treasurer\*)

Rod Brown (*Ex Officio* as Past President)

Linda Brennison (*Ex Officio* as Finance Chair)

Jonathan White, Emilio Perez-Jorge, Caroline Eastman, Jean Capalbo, (Trustees)

Rev. Stephen Robinson, Joe Long, Bob Whitaker (Guest(s) -- continuously, briefly or intermittently)

Absent: Tiffany Rushton

\*Executive Committee

**Call to Order:** Pat Mohr called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**Chalice Lighting:** Linda Brennison lit the virtual chalice

**Covenant:** Pat Mohr led the Board Covenant

**Motion to Approve Agenda:** motioned, seconded, approved

**Motion to Approve Prior Meeting Minutes:** motioned, seconded, approved,

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda with Treasurer, Financial Statement, and Committee Reports:** motioned, seconded, approved

## **BUSINESS ADDRESSED BETWEEN MEETINGS**

**Between the March 2022 BOT meeting and the April 2022 BOT meeting the following occurred:**

An Executive Committee meeting was held to work on the budget for FY22/23

Annual Meeting date was changed to May 29

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Sunday Lock-Up Assignments**

[Secretary reported these dates to Joan Watterson at the request of the Board on 4/20/2022 at 9:30 PM]

April 24: Linda Brennison

May 1: Jean Capalbo

May 8: Emilio Perez-Jorge

May 15: Deb Matherly

May 22: Ginny Verne

May 29: Jean Capalbo

June 5: Jonathan White

June 12: Deb Matherly

June 19: Ginny Verne

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposed Change to By-Laws: Number of Trustees**

Some discussion was held, and the Board decided to defer further discussion (and vote, if necessary) to email. Decision must be settled before May 14, which is 15 days prior to Annual Meeting as required.

### **Board Members, Officers, Committee Chair Recommendations**

The Board discussed briefly (in Executive Session) the recommendations of the Leadership Development Committee. A few questions came up. At the May meeting the recommendations will be discussed further, and for those requiring the approval of the Board a vote will be tallied. The final slate of recommendations will then be prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting on May 29.

### **Fiscal Year 2022/2023 (beginning July 1, 2022) Budget**

After lengthy discussion The Board accepted the budget as recommended by the Finance Committee, with one item requiring follow-up. The Board expressed appreciation to all those involved in the process.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) General Assembly (GA) 2022 Meeting**

The 2022 General Assembly will be held in person (Portland, OR) and virtually June 22-26, 2022. We will send three voting delegates, though other (non-voting) members of UUCC are welcome (encouraged) to attend. Details about registration cost and deadlines can be found at [UUA.org/ga/registration](http://UUA.org/ga/registration). Bob Whitaker, Chair, Denominational Connections Committee, recommended to The Board, and The Board agreed to accept, the appointment of three credentialed delegates: Linda Brennisson, Susan Robinson, and Karen Brown. Each will each attend the virtual meeting. Further, The Board also agreed to provide \$100 to each to cover the cost each will incur. Deb Matherly will also attend, and time remains for others to sign up to attend if they wish, though without funding support from our congregation.

#### **Ad Hoc Covid Committee – Masks and Opening the Building to Renters**

Emilio Perez-Jorge, Chair of the Ad Hoc Covid Committee, reported his recommendation that masks will be optional at in-person gatherings going forward, while also recommending that members and visitors are encouraged to get vaccinated. The recommendations will be presented in a written statement to be released shortly, will require that singers (Choirs and others singing “on stage”) wear masks, and will address the idea that absent an (unenforceable) requirement that singers *within the congregation* also be required to wear masks *while singing*, it may be necessary to limit singing participation by congregants. The Board agreed to the recommendations.

Masks will be optional to renters and their guests, and rentals will (continue to) be offered only where UUCC is held harmless as is already noted in our rental agreements. The Board agreed to the recommendation. Linda Brennisson will notify the Administrator that UUCC is open to rental on this basis.

#### **For Next Meeting Agenda – for May and/or future meetings**

- Consider recommendations of Leadership Development Committee as to Board Members, Officers, and Committee Chairs for the period beginning July 1, 2022.
- Proposed Change to By-Laws: Number of Trustees: discussion (and vote, if necessary) via email will held in early May. Decision must be settled before May 14, which is 15 days prior to Annual Meeting as required.
- Strategic Planning
- Our Policy on Policies details steps to be taken when new policies are considered. We are considering modifications to the Policy on Policies that adds an opportunity for our Bookkeeper to be kept in the loop and to provide feedback, and also emphasizes the need to consider policy changes in light of labor, tax, and legal due diligence.
- CYRE asked in March that the Board consider questions around the volunteer from Planned Parenthood regarding that person’s proposed work with the Owl program.

### **Reminders**

May Board of Trustees meeting: May 18

Annual Budget Review Meeting will be held on **Friday, May 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held immediately following the Sunday service on May 29, 2022.  
**PLEASE NOTE ANNUAL MEETING DATE CHANGES**

**Chalice Lighter for May 18, 2022 meeting:** Jonathan White  
**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Draft Submitted by Beth Ann Rocheleau, Board Secretary, to Pat Mohr, President  
April 20, 2022 at 10:00 p.m.

Final Submitted by Beth Ann Rocheleau, Board Secretary, to Lis Turner with copy to Pat Mohr, President  
May [REDACTED], 2022 at [REDACTED] p.m.