

UUCR Board Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2022
Virtual Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Rev. Scott Alexander, Holly Anderson, Kathy Deligianis, Jessie Fortner, Joanne Jessen, Carol Plumlee, Mark Sheppard, Chris Topoleski, Claire Tse

Absent: Anna Wesley

Chalice Lighting and Check-In: President Holly Anderson convened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a quote from Teresa of Ávila. "May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

Consent Agenda

- There were no further edits to the minutes of the April Board Meeting so they will be sent to Beth for posting.

President's Report

- Holly has communicated with Christine Pursell of the UUA Transition Office and was reassured that our congregation is "just where we should be at this time." That includes the finalization of the Ministerial Search Committee that will consist of Amy Anderson, Denise Kirwin, Randy Newton, David Okerson, Meagan Pitluck-Schmitt, and Amelia Turner
- The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer positions are still open. The Board discussed these positions. Rev. Scott volunteered to speak with a prime candidate for Treasurer and another person has volunteered to consider the Assistant Treasurer position.
- The 50th Anniversary celebration is moving ahead with a 50th Anniversary Yearbook and a Time Capsule to be opened at the time of the 75th Anniversary celebration. Linda Holloway is spearheading both activities.
- A \$47,000 contract for the needed electrical work for the church as been signed.
- There are three UUCR delegates to the UU General Assembly: Cara Fortner, Holly Anderson, and Linda Holloway. **Holly will provide the delegates with instructions for voting at the Assembly.**

501c3 Application

Meagan Pitluck-Schmitt, representing the Finance Committee, presented information about the church's application for 501c3 registration and the benefits of this status. A number of background documents were forwarded to Board members prior to the meeting for review. The application has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and it is ready for submission along with a \$600 fee. **The Board voted to approve the application for 501c3 registration.**

Capital Campaign Working Session

The congregation approved the leadership of the church to have a Capital Campaign in Fall, 2022, for the purpose of paying off the church loan of approximately \$171,000. The Board brainstormed ideas for carrying out the campaign that included:

- establishing a small Capital Campaign committee before June 10
- establish a timeline for the campaign, to include date for promotional materials, plan for events in September and onward, a launch date in mid-September
- the need for a slogan or theme
- and options for how the campaign should be conducted.

The Board voted to suspend all competing fund raising from June 30 to the end of the campaign.

Holly Anderson and Kathy Deligianis volunteered to be on the committee. Several other persons were mentioned as potential candidates and will be contacted by Holly to determine if they would be willing to serve.

Claire Tse volunteered to meet with Bob Howard to get a historical perspective on how this campaign can best succeed.

Minister's Report

- Rev. Scott asked the staff members to each come up with a personal plan to help engage congregant with the church. He is forwarding these plans to the Board Members by next week. He queried whether Board members might want to also do such plans.
- Rev. Scott emphasized to the Board that he sees himself as a 12-month minister. As such, although he will working part time, he is available to church members at all times. He plans to conduct two services each month.
- There will be a Church Picnic on July 12 on the church grounds.

The meeting concluded with member's appreciation of the efforts of their fellow Board members. The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.