

UUCR Board Meeting Minutes
7:00 to 9:00 pm, March 31, 2022
Virtual Zoom Meeting

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

Absent: Chris Topoleski

Call to Order and Check-In: President Holly Anderson called the meeting to order at 7 pm by sharing a quote from Melody Beattie: “Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.”

Consent Agenda:

- No substantive changes to the February 24 minutes. They will be sent to Beth for posting.
- Treasurer Kathy Deligianis presented the Board with several documents with updated financial information and led a discussion of the current status.

Discussion of Supporting Documents for the meeting:

- The new recommendations of the COVID Task Force were discussed. Using the Wells-Riley Model (a science-based algorithm), congregational singing behind masks is a low risk activity and is approved by the Board. Masked choir rehearsals in the sanctuary for 60 to 90 minutes is also a low risk level and is approved.
- The graphic presentation of the Pilot Governance System was presented to the Board members and reviewed. The governance system was approved by the congregation in 2021, but has not been incorporated into the constitution. While the church is “living” this governance system, incorporation is postponed because of other priorities for this year and to further evaluate how well this system is serving the needs of our church.

President’s Report:

- Stewardship Update. March 31 was the final day for the stewardship campaign. Board members will be asked to make phone calls to encourage members who have not yet pledged to do so. A list will be sent to each Board member.
- The results of the Settled Minister Search Questionnaire were presented by Holly to the Board and potential candidates enumerated. Holly will reach out to the top-rated candidates.
- The church has two slots for delegates to the UU General Assembly. Cara Fortner and members of the Social Justice Committee will be invited to attend with their tuition paid.

Minister's Report:

Rev. Scott reported that he has initiated several "engagement" events with both smaller and larger groups of members and has more planned. He also has been learning more about issues affecting the congregation and staff. Rev. Scott will continue to reach out to congregants he has not yet met in person.

Executive Session:

The Board moved to an Executive Session to discuss the extension of the Minister's contract for one more year.

After taking a few minutes to express appreciation to fellow board members for their contributions, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next meetings: April 28 (Zoom), May 26 (In-person)