

UUCF Board of Directors Meeting

Oct. 20, 2020

Call to Order: Oct. 20, 2020, 7 p.m.

Presiding: Mark Magee

Secretary: Meredith Carr

Attendees: Meredith Carr, Rev. David Miller, Scott Kestner, Matt Higgins, Lydia Lewis, Mark Magee, Susan Bennett, Rich Williams, Darryl Branting, Kaye Cook

Absent: None

Welcome: Mark Magee

Spiritual Opening/Chalice Reading: Mark Magee

Check-in: All

Minister's Report: Rev. David Miller

- The camera caught people trying to get into the building but they didn't and there was no damage.
- Tyler has given notice; he will be taking a job with the Congregational Life Staff of the Unitarian Universalist Association's Southern Region. If we want to continue the SPARK young adult community program after he leaves, it will have to be congregationally led as opposed to staff driven. We will also have to decide what to do with the remaining funds.
- All the material associated with the assistant minister position has been published and circulated and several people have expressed interest.
- Rev. David attended a CUUMA meeting where a wide range of concerns were expressed about the upcoming election and aftermath.
- Susan Leslie is asking congregations what they can do to help support election protesters.
- There were five people at the Newcomers Orientation.
- Rev. David preached at Cedar Lane UU Church last week and will be at UU Loudoun in Leesburg this coming week.
- RE is working on an anti-racism program.

- The Planned Giving Committee is going to have three congregational workshops and be honest about asking people to leave money to the congregation in their wills.
- The Potomac Partnership musical directors have met to discuss collaborating on programs.
- Rev. Amanda Poppei's installation at the UU Congregation at Arlington was wonderful.
- We have put out sign-ups to support voting. Andrew Batcher is organizing this with UU Reston.
- Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd's workshop was well received.
- Rev. David is looking toward taking a sabbatical in 2022.

Treasure Report: Darryl Branting

- We've made the last payment for Roofapalooza and there is an extra \$6,000-\$7,000 left over, most of it will be going to repair the unstable bridge that leads to the Memorial Grove.
- We are looking for someone to join the Financial Oversight Committee.
- We are still waiting for instructions on forgiveness for the Payment Protection Program loan.
- Outside income is down as to be expected.
- We're running at the expected overall deficit with operational reserves at \$200,000 and capital reserves over \$100,000.
- Attendance is doing well.
- RE attendance has typically been 290, right now it is 265, which is pretty good for the situation.
- We are trying to encourage payment before the end of the year.

Board Observations:

- Pete Krone will be rotating off the Coordinating Team (CT) with Adrian Hendricks coming on as the new member.
- Official recommendations for Adrian Hendricks to be nominated to the CT - Kaye moves to appoint, Darryl seconds. There is no discussion, all in favor.
- The anti-racist subcommittee will have its first meeting this coming Friday and has already been in contact with the Racial Justice Steering Committee and Social Justice Coordinator Andrew Batcher and Lay Minister for Social Justice Karen Wolf.
- The Racial Justice Steering Committee has also been discussing the 8th Principle project. There may be people outside the committee that would like to work on this and possibly the board can handle educating the congregation.
- Susan will write a blog to introduce and garner interest in the 8th Principle.

- Kaye's modeling the faith committee met Friday to discuss action related to the election.
- What congregational assets can be used to support this and how do we bring it to the congregation?
 - Assets include the Circles of Care.
 - Utilizing Zoom rooms for significant events.
 - Possible safely connecting in parking lots.
- How do we provide support to people protesting regarding the election including communication, food and possibly shelter given the campus is closed?
 - Can the parking lot be used for staging?
 - Can we ask congregants if they are comfortable providing space to people?
- The River Road congregation is looking to connect on the topic. Kay will contact them.
- Can we ask the Endowment Fund Committee for funds to support this?
- The Unitarian Universalist Association thinks that the most important time for support may be through December.
- The CT needs to talk about this as well given the need for a very nimble and responsive decision making process that cannot be brought to the board every time. We will follow the policy the CT sets regarding campus use.
- Darryl will apply to the Endowment Fund Committee.
- Board presidents are going to have regular contact about the Potomac Partnership. River Road would like to meet to discuss fundraising resources and historical funding trends.
- Should we have another congregational meeting about the pandemic and associate minister? Look at timing on decisions.
- We need to send a letter to the congregation regarding The Storytelling Project undertaken by the Potomac Partnership congregations.
- Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions was given a \$20,000 grant to create voting pods to support voting for candidates who support climate change.

Next Meeting: Oct. 29, 2020, 7 p.m.

Spiritual Opener: Susan Bennet

Process Observer: Rich Williams

Process: Good discussion, lots of deep conversations with good support

Adjourn: 9:12 p.m.