

# **UUCF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

## **Oct. 29, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Oct. 29, 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, Pete Krone, Adrian Hendricks, Gina Wells, Diana Tycer, Andrew Batcher, Alice King, Laura Weiss

**Absent:** None

**Welcome:** Mark Magee

**Spiritual Opening/Chalice Reading:** Susan Bennet

**Check-in:** All

- We are here to set guidelines regarding how to support the ever-evolving situation around the election results. Ministry is overseen by staff, Coordinating Team (CT) oversees operations and budget while the board oversees broader policy, and all these things need to cooperate.
- How are we best prepared to do the work that needs to be done in these unusual circumstances?
- Important questions: How do we promote activism in a safe manner because of the pandemic? What are we willing to ask and what are we not willing to do?
- We have to make sure we do not overreact.
- We need to utilize Andrew Batcher's knowledge of the situation and connections outside our congregation.
- We would like to find family-friendly spaces.
- We need to remember that things will change fast and we have to know who will direct our response.
- Can we open the UUCF campus in any way?
  - We cannot use the Sanctuary overnight because of the lack of sprinklers.
  - We have to maintain less than 50% capacity and that could change as the situation develops.
  - What is our liability and what would our insurance say?

- We are not comfortable using the Program Building because doing so would open up the Hunter Mill Montessori to exposure to COVID-19.
- At this time, we are saying no to use of campus until we know more about insurance.
- What are our resources?
  - \$5,000 from the Endowment Fund Committee. The CT and Rev. David will make the decision on that expense.
  - We cannot get buses.
  - Can we help provide banners and masks?
  - Can we support bail and legal funds?
  - Are we comfortable putting out calls to drivers and possibly housing for people from out of town? Will people feel pressured to go outside their comfort level if we ask?
- Kaye, Rev. David, Adrian, Bill, Andrew and Karen Wolf (to be asked) are suggested to the rapid response team.
- We want to minimize the risk to UUCF and individual volunteers but we need to find a balance between protecting ourselves and living our mission.
- Kaye will draft a letter explaining the situation to the congregation.

[Non-board members leave the meeting.]

The Endowment Fund Committee has suggested the following grants:

- 1) \$2,500 for the UUCF Food Crisis Team.
  - 2) \$6,000 for Child Food Relief.
  - 3) \$5,000 for the election response team.
- Child Food Relief has received a grant before so they may not be eligible for a grant for the next few years.
  - For grant 1: Meredith Carr proposes acceptance, Lydia Lewis seconds, no discussion, all in favor.
  - For grant 2: Scott Kestner proposes acceptance, Rick Williams seconds, no discussion, all in favor.
  - For grant 3: Susan Bennett proposes acceptance, Kaye Cook seconds, no discussion, all in favor.

The Nominating Committee meeting went well and there was a positive response to the review.

**Process Observation:** Very well done, Mark did a great job leading a large group of people and the purpose was met.

**Next Meeting:** Tue., Nov. 17, 7 p.m.

**Spiritual Opening:** Lydia Lewis.

**Process Observer:** Scott Kestner