

Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville
Draft Board Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2020

- BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Penny Reid, Vince Ober, Liz Dion, Karen Smith-Scott
Tessie Bond, Blanche Williams. Attending via ZOOM video
conference: Gary Rhodes, Rev. Roberta Finklestein (ex
officio), Rev. Marti Keller (ex officio)
- ABSENT:** Jennifer Tucker
- OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** In person: Carlos Fraticelli, Barbara Robinson, Kathleen
McKenzie, Lynne Paradise, Meg Rohal, Robert Prager
By video conference: Peggy Tilley, Allen Tilley

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/OPENING WORDS** – The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by,
Penny Reid, President.
- II.
- III. **APPROVE AGENDA –**
MOTION: (Bond/Ober) – To approve agenda for February 4, 202 as presented. Approved -
6-0
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**
MOTION: (Bond/Ober) - To approve the Board meeting minutes of January 7, 2020 as
presented. Approved – 6-0.
- V. **CONSENT AGENDA**
- A. **President’s Report** – Electronic Submission
- B. **Ministers’ Reports** – Electronic Submission
- C. **Utilization Reports** - Electronic Submission
- D. **Board Reports**
1. **Inreach** – Electronic Submission
2. **Operations** – Electronic Submission
3. **Outreach** – Electronic Submission
4. **Stewardship** – No report
5. **Personnel Committee** – Electronic Submission
6. **Capital Campaign** – No report
7. **Other** - Sunday count and Status Changes – Electronic Submission

Consent agenda approved by consensus.

- VI. **Reports**
- A. **Resilience/Vulnerability Report** – Report previously distributed for review by electronic
submission and now presented for questions and recommendations by Kathleen
McKenzie, Lynne Paradise and Robert Prager – Civil Engineer/Water Resources.
Determined that lower level of property/buildings will be affected by water rise in the

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coming decades. Recommendations are to raise lower parking lot, protect the Lift Station, harden the Social Hall to protect from flood, raise and protect electrical structures and consider an extension of the campus. The Task Force will be meeting the third Sunday of each month and desires the involvement of the congregants. Announcements will begin in the EBlast and by other methods immediately so that the congregation is aware of the upcoming meeting on February 16. The study will be posted on the church website. A town hall meeting was proposed to help educate the congregation and to answer questions.

- B. UUCJ Foundation** – Presentation by Foundation President, Meg Rohal. Annual distribution to church should occur within the first 10 days of March and will be \$25,536.10.
- C. Treasurer's report** - Electronic submission. Documents reviewed. Previous fiscal year is ending with a small surplus noted.

VII. Old Business

- A. Facebook Page update** – Held for March Board meeting.
- B. Stewardship Campaign** – Campaign is pretty much completed. There is nothing further to report at this time.
- C. Developmental Minister Search** –
MOTION: (Bond/Ober) – To move into Executive Session. Approved 6-0. Executive Session 7:10pm – 7:36pm.
- D. Board Retreat, planning/discussion** – Consensus agreement to finalize details by email.

VIII. New Business

- A. Minister's Contracts** – Covered in Executive Session.
- B. Finance Goal from Leadership Summit** – We need to be looking for other sources of income. UUCJ is designated a Historic Site. Can we qualify for a program to assist a historic church with deferred maintenance? There is now a Finance Committee. Tom Larson is chair and Terri Mitchell and Tammy Smith are on the committee. There is no movement yet on staffing the Mission Funding Team.
- C. Safer Congregations** – Presentation by Vince Ober. Agreed that there are very good resources available within the UUA materials that we should make use of. Safety/Emergency policy of Spokane UU church was presented as a sample. Resources might be available through JSO and JFRD
- D. Board as Worship Associate** – It has been requested by the Worship Committee that Board Members act as a Worship Associate Team for the March 15, 2020 service. Members Gary Rhodes, Vince Ober, Blanche Williams and Karen Smith Scott are available for that date. Fernandina members are excused. Jennifer Tucker will be advised of the request upon her return to town.
- E. Board Donation, Service Auction** – A request was made by the Fundraising Committee that the Board donate a basket to the Silent Auction portion of the upcoming Service Auction. The Board has chosen a themed basket titled the "Bored Basket" Members will bring their donations to the Board Retreat and the basket will be assembled and submitted.
- F. Renewal of Church Insurance Policy** – A quote has been requested from Liberty

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Mutual and will be compared to previous policy. Quotes will be reviewed by Brian Paradise and Penny Reid. By consensus, it is agreed that Paradise and Reid will make the final choice of policy.

IX. Announcements

- **Next Board Meeting** – March 3, 2020
- **March 3 Opening Words** – Vince Ober
- **Transition Assessment Meeting**, February 6, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- **Future Visions Church Meeting** – February 8, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- **Board Task List**

X. Adjournment

MOTION: (Bond/Rhodes) – To adjourn. Approved 6-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Smith-Scott
Board Secretary