



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
OF JACKSONVILLE

“By serving compassionately and connecting authentically we change the world.”

UUCJ Board Meeting Minutes Zoom Conference Call Tuesday, August 9,, 2022 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Approved at September Board Meeting

Attendees

Board Members in attendance :, Meg Rohal, Teri Mitchell, Munsell McPhillips, Nancy Murrey-Settle, Vince Ober, Yanella Parra (late arrival)

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order –(6:07 PM)
- 2. Chalice Lighting, Board Covenant, Process Observer, Board Training
- 3. Approval of Minutes, Approval of Agenda, Consent Agenda
- 4. Continuing Business:
- 5. New Business:
- 7. Close of Meeting

Discussions and Observations

- 1. Munsell chalice lighting and reading. Will we ever get there?
- 2. Training discussion. The board should be focused on Mission and 5-year focus, the strategic vision and mission are our job. Instead, we find ourselves funning day-to-day operations due in part to a lack of people stepping up to fill vacant committees. Board needs to focus on a strategic 5-year plan. Need for younger people and questions about sharing resources with BBUUC.
- 3. Motion to accept August minutes Mitchell/ Rohal. Approved 4/0.
- 4. Amended agenda moving general task force to new business. Motion the approve agenda and consent agenda. Mitchell/ Rohal. Approved 4/0.
- 5. Board will be running the Mission Funding pledge drive this year. Discussed make-up of proposed House Meeting; existing groups and neighborhood groups. Roughed out Mission Funding timeline.
- 6. Discussed possible new board members.
- 7. Room naming discussion continued.
- 8. Discussed inquiry to use UUCJ for an educational start-up, Premier Micro schools.
- 9. A 78k grant for our elevator construction was made by the Delores Barr Weaver Foundation through the Community Foundation. Peter Racine can be thanked for facilitating this grant.
- 10. Brian Paradise is asking the board to endorse a state amendment to clean and healthy water, the amendment is expected for 2024. Non-profit status prohibits partisan backing of a candidate, but



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not a general endorsement of the policy.

11. Finances. Skylight Repair in the chapel could run 80-100k. Not available in board reserve. Is it possible to use capital campaign money? Still need an estimate from the contractor who is working on the social hall repairs to provide a quote on necessary work to the campus.
12. Suggested we should have a person who is on the capital campaign committee to be a board member to facilitate communication and be involved in strategic planning.
13. Discussion on the church’s mission. Looked at who we serve and discussed frustration that much of our work is introspective and internally focused. Our outreach is in iCare, Green Sanctuary, special collections and Arlington Food Bank. We will have to do more service related outreach if we expect to attract new members. [\[What sort of outreach?\]](#)

~~[14.] Topics of town halls. [\[Several members asked that the next town hall meeting have an open agenda. Board members are concerned about our ability to raise enough money to continue with our current programs and pay for needed repairs and maintenance. The Board cannot make decisions without recommendations from the congregation.\] We need to discuss whether are not we going to survive as a congregation financially. There is a split on whether we continue funding new construction no matter what or assign the money to the upkeep of our physical space.](#)~~

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Decisions

1. Mission Funding theme and timeline. Sep 4th Labor of Love, Sep. 11 water Ingathering, Sept 18 Sermon on the A-Mount, Nov 5th, Fall Chili Hot apple cider celebration. THEME: Let it be a dance!
2. Meg will consult with Lynn Shad as a follow-up with room naming and contributions.
3. Nancy will reach out to the person inquiring about renting rooms for a school start-up.
4. Board is behind the collection of individual signatures for a proposed constitutional amendment on campus and endorsement by the board.

Action Items

1. Meg will follow up with Lynn Shad on room naming
2. Nancy will contact Ryan about needs for renting rooms for classrooms for a startup school.
3. Vince will investigate the process for board endorsement of a state amendment to make sure we are not in violation of partisan political activities.
4. Munsell and Yanella will follow up with the contractor to secure promised quote.
5. Ask the capital campaign committee to select a member to serve also as a board member.



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Next Meetings

- Tuesday, September 13. Teri Mitchell, Opening words, Nancy Murrey-Settle, Timekeeper, Lee Anne Washington Process Observer

SUBMITTED by Nancy Murrey-Settle, Board Secretary