

East Shore UU Church Board Meeting
April 11,2020

Present: Julia Kotowski, Sue Borstein, Bob Ross, Shirley Hairston, Mary Stewart-McGovern, Jared Hammond, Minna Zelch, Mark Guizlo, Diana Jackson

Attending: Rev Denis Paul Letourneau, Halcyon Domanski, Laura Solomon, Pat McGovern

Meeting called to order by Julia Kotowski via Zoom at 2:06 pm.

No updates to the agenda.

Motion made by Shirly Hairston to dispense with reading of the minutes. Motion seconded and passed. Motion made by Julia Kotowski, seconded by Shirley Hairston to accept the March 28th, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion passed with one abstention.

New Business:

1. Online Services will continue on April 12th in the same format as prior week. Initial part will be presented on Facebook Live, followed by playlist on You Tube and Zoom meeting in lieu of coffee hour following the service.
2. Stewardship.
Per Mary Stewart-McGovern, there is approximately \$84,000 in pledges for FY2020-2021. Reminder will be made at service tomorrow. Additional reminders will be done via social media, Facebook and list serve. Both \$100 gift cards were drawn and will be announced at the service tomorrow.

Discussion about how to make contact with individuals who have not turned in pledge cards yet. Decision made that Shirley Hairston will first review and compare list of those individuals who have not completed pledges for FY2019-2020 to this point in the year. At this time, there is about \$36,000 out in unpaid pledges. When complete, she will forward list of names to Julia Kotowski. Several board members agreed to assist in making calls to those who have not sent in pledge cards. Julia will divide up the list amongst those board volunteers. Decision that individuals would be encouraged to email copies of pledge cards to Linda, church secretary as best means to keep tally of pledges to date.

3. Loose Offerings for April through June 2020.
Finance Committee met earlier this week. Discussed pros/cons of continuing to collect loose offerings for our partner organizations vs have donations sent directly to those organizations. Discussion amongst the Board members as the best way to approach situation at this time.

Motion made by Mark Guizlo: For the months of April through June 2020. loose offerings to East Shore will be directed only to the Church's general fund. Individuals are encouraged to donate directly to the designated organizations separately as they so wish. Organization are

April 2020: North East Ohio Musical Heritage Association (NEOMHA)

May 2020: Minister's Discretionary Fund

June 2020: Old South Church Food Pantry.

Motion seconded by Shirley Hairston. Motion passed.

Shirley Hairston will put this on the list serve following completion of the Board meeting.

4. Paycheck Protection Program.
Shirley Hairston investigated and learned that Church is eligible as a non-profit to apply for this program. Finance Committee discussed this and encouraged Shirley to begin the application process.
Motion made by Mary Stewart-McGovern that the Board accept the Finance Committee recommendation that we apply for the SBA Payment Protection Program on behalf of East Shore UU Church. Seconded by Diana Jackson. Motion passed.
5. Budget Creation. Finance Committee will meet again on April 22, 2020 at 6 pm via Zoom to discuss with hopes of having better indication of pledges made through Stewardship Campaign.

6. Church Auction

Church Auction was scheduled for early May. Finance Committee discussed this and several possible alternatives to income budgeted (\$6000) from the Auction. Consensus made that Auction be postponed at this time and to consider a mini-auction in Fall 2020.

7. Building Closure

Motion made by Julia Kotowski that the church building will be closed to all except church staff, facilities chair and vendors, Board members, the Assistant Treasurer and those involved in the production of electronic Sunday services through Sunday, May 3rd 2020. Motion seconded by Mary Stewart-McGovern. Motion passed.

Julia will put an announcement on list serve following end of the Board meeting.

8. Red Cross Blood Drive. Bob Ross has made arrangements with Red Cross for May 17th Blood Drive from 9 am - 2pm. It will be by appointment only with additional COVID-19 precautions in place. Flyers are being distributed.

Reports:

1. Chair – see written report
2. Minister- see written report. He reports that Nominating Committee has out in lot of work to bring new members into leadership. JT Hillen will be forwarding the slate of nominees. Julia will forward that list to Board members.
3. DRE- See written report
4. Building and Grounds- Rev Denis shared that he has met with Marten Schreiber and Dan Bond and has developed a daily checklist for building maintenance that the three of them will complete.
5. Membership- Pat McGovern shared that there are 155 members in the church. Committee is still planning on the pancake breakfast for June.
6. Treasurer – See written report
7. Financial Secretary- They are looking at better ways to share files given some of the difficulties with power church.
Motion made by Mary Stewart-McGovern to accept the Finance report as presented. Seconded by Jared Hammond. Motion passed.
8. Finance Committee- Capital Campaign pledges are starting to come in. Mary will double check with Linda, church secretary to find out if third quarter pledge statements were sent out.
9. Committee on Ministry is meeting after Board meeting finishes.

Motion made by Julia Kotowski for meeting to adjourn. Seconded by Diana Jackson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Next Board meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 25th, 2020 at 2 pm.

Submitted by Sue Borstein

Approved April 25, 2020