

East Shore UU Church Board of Trustees Meeting
March 28, 2020 via Zoom

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

Attending: Rev Denis Paul Letourneau, Halcyon Domanski

Absent: Diana Jackson

Meeting called to order via Zoom by Julia Kotowski at 3:10 pm.
Centering done by Rev Denis and brief check-in with Board Members.

Motion made to dispense with reading of the March 14th meeting by Julia Kotowski, seconded and approved. Motion made to accept the minutes by Mark Guizlo, seconded and passed with one abstention.

Updates to agenda made

New Business:

1. Discussion on how members can have access to Zoom meetings. Rev Denis and Halcyon will serve as contacts with access to the primary Church Zoom account. Julia is contact for the back-up account. Notice will be up on list serve and church newsletter as how to set up meetings and have access.
2. Care Committee is continuing with Rev Denis and Halcyon to address needs of congregants.
3. March 29th service will be on Facebook Live. Rev Denis found that Zoom was not the best way to have worship. Was aware of initial difficulties in moving from Facebook Live to You Tube for parts of the service.
4. Stewardship Campaign. Campaign has started, letters were sent out as well as email distribution. Third quarter pledge letters will be sent out this week. Lengthy discussion related to setting up of PayPal accounts as means for individuals to make pledge payments to the church. Decision to table discussion until more research is done on PayPal. Reminder made that loose offerings will be done for next several months without in-person service. Encourage congregants and friends to continue to send in checks to church office.
5. Organizational Restructuring Meeting that was scheduled for April 26th. Discussion that this should be a face-to-face meeting. At this point, it is low priority for the church. The work group will meet via Zoom to discuss questions and clarifications from the original meeting held on February 23rd, 2020.
6. Annual Meeting. Discussed that there needs to be 30-day notice to congregation. At this time, we will wait to figure out if the June date needs to be changed.

7. Church Auction. Julia received email from Laura Solomon asking if church auction should be postponed. Finance Committee needs to look at impact on not doing the auction and what other resources could be used as replacement if needed. Finance Committee is meeting on April 8th at 6 pm. Mark Guizlo encouraged that we continue organizational splits with the loose offerings given. Shirley Hairston stated that February and March splits were made and the UUA contribution is current. Discussed remaining splits do have ways for direct giving. Agreed to table discussion on the Auction until after Finance meeting.
8. Kirtland Strawberry Festival. It is unknown if this will go on at this point.
9. Discussed developing ways to have volunteers check up on the building each week. Rev Denis will set up meeting with Dan Bond and Marten Schreiber to review and develop a check list. Linda continues to go into the church 2-3 times a week.
10. Blood Drive is schedule for May 17th. Bob Ross will talk with the Red Cross contact with hopes to still go forward on this project.
11. Continued closure of the church building.

Motion made by Mary Stewart-McGovern 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, April 19th, 2020. Motion seconded by Minna Zelch. Motion approved.

Julia will send note to Linda and post on the List Serve.

Reports:

Reports will be held to the first meeting of each month.

Motion made by Mary Stewart-McGovern to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Minna Zelch. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Next meetings of Board are scheduled for April 11th and April 25th at 2 pm via Zoom.

Submitted by Sue Borstein

Accepted April 11,2020