

East Shore UU Church Board Meeting  
May 23, 2020

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

**Absent:** Shirley Hairston

**Attending:** Rev Denis Paul Letourneau, Halcyon Domanski

Meeting called to order by Julia Kotowski via Zoom at 10:05 am. Dispensed with Board member check-in.

**Motion made to dispense with reading of the May 9, 2020 minutes. Motion passed.**

**Motion made to accept the May 9, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion passed.**

**New Business:**

1. Changes to the nominating slate. Maggie Calkins as been added to the ballot as Board Secretary and Nancy Tozer has been added for the Nominating Committee.
2. Annual Meeting Report and Ballots were mailed out on May 21, 2020. Shirley Hairston will chair a meeting on Zoom on May 30 at 11 am. Purpose of meeting is to review and answer any questions related to the budget. Meeting will be recorded and placed on church website.
3. The Ad Hoc Committee for Organizational Restructuring met and plans to report to the subgroup via Zoom meeting. This will occur on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 7:30 pm.
4. Discussion on Current church closure. Lengthy discussion about current UUA recommendations vs our current church membership needs and what CDC and Ohio guidelines are as to when churches can safely reopen. Key questions are can we do it safely and what would need to be in place for this to occur Julia has started investigating what the CDC/Ohio guidelines are in relationship as well as where are church membership resides. Board members shared what their individual employers (theater, schools, universities) are doing in preparation to reopen. Rev Denis shared that he has met with other UU ministers as well as looking for recommendations for reopening. . He felt that most comprehensive advice has come from the United Methodist churches.

**Motion made by Julia Kotowski that the Board create an Ad Hoc Committee to look at the possibility of reopening the church by September 1, 2020. Motion seconded by Mary Stewart-McGovern. Motion passed.**

Several Board members expressed interest in serving on this committee. Additional members from the congregation were identified who would be good representatives of church membership. Agreement that Halcyon and Rev Denis should join as ex officio capacity. Julia will send out email invites to identified church members for inclusion in Ad Hoc Committee.

Discussion continued about most effective way to continue to produce weekly Sunday Service. Rev Denis continue to believe that creating a hybrid service would be difficult to do with our current technology limitations. Halcyon noted that our weekly You Tube worship service posts on average are receiving 80-90 views.

5. Blood Drive. Bob Ross gave update from Blood Drive. It was very successful with 31 donors. Next Blood Drive is scheduled for August 16, 2020 and November 22, 2020.
6. Technology Issues. Mark Guizlo expressed concern about recent technology issues with power church. Discussed that Ken Schmidt has been quite helpful in past, but that he is still in Florida.

Mark has made contact with him for assistance. Mary Stewart-McGovern asked that individuals who are having issues contact her so that she can develop a list to be addressed. General discussion that it may be worth looking into contracting for IT services given the ongoing issues the church is having at this time.

7. Cleaning Service has continued to sanitize the church each week. Brief discussion that additional services may be needed at the point that church is reopened.
8. Rev Denis noted that Jared Hammond has been working on music recording as alternative way for the choir to be able to sing together while still remaining apart. Rev Denis will send link of recent effort by Jared for the Board members to hear.

**Motion made by Mary Stewart McGovern for meeting to adjourn. Motion seconded by Minna Zelch. Motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.**

**Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.**

Submitted by Sue Borstein

*Approved June 6,2020*