

East Shore UU Church Board Meeting
May 9, 2020

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

Attending: Dick Hurwitz, Rev Denis Paul Letourneau, Halcyon Domanski, Patrick McGovern

Meeting called to order by Julia Kotowski via Zoom at 10:10 am. Rev Denis shared reading. Dispensed with Board member check-in. No additions to the agenda.

Motion made by Julia Kotowski to dispense with reading of the minutes. Seconded by Shirley Hairston. Motion passed.

Motion made by Julia Kotowski to accept April 25, 2020 minutes as presented. Seconded by Shirley Hairston. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Stewardship campaign. Mary Stewart-McGovern shared that campaign completed on May 4, 2020 with \$164,400 in pledges. Committee anticipates that there will be lower building costs with continued church facilities closed. Handwritten thank-you notes were sent out. Linda, church secretary, will send formal letter of pledge amount to each church member and friend.

2. Creation of Ad Hoc Committee for Organizational Restructuring.

Motion made by Julia Kotowski to create an Ad Hoc Committee for Organizational Restructuring. Members appointed are Eric Waldman, Lynne Killgore, Dick Hurwitz and Patrick McGovern. Motion seconded by Jared Hammond. Motion passed.

Dick Hurwitz updated Board about Zoom meeting held on May 2, 2020 to discuss the working plan to date. Out of that meeting, agreement that Executive Team will not be part of the plan, but the Board will be expanded to include the In-Reach and Out-Reach Chairs. It may also involve a reconfiguration of what positions would be on the Board as well as ways that the Board may need to function more effectively or differently. Committee will continue to meet and develop what are essential tasks of each team and will report back its recommendations.

3. Budget for FY 2020-2021.

Shirley Hairston presented Budget to be approved. Some adjustments made to numbers from last presentation. Goal is to get Playground completed in this budget year. She noted that budget sets the policy so that chairs of various committees can spend up to the budget limit without additional need for approvals.

Motion made by Mary Stewart-McGovern to approve the FY 2020-2021 budget (with modifications) as presented by Shirley Hairston. Seconded by Mark Guizlo. Motion passed.

4. Mock Annual Meeting. Originally set for May 19, 2020. Julia reviewed suggestions made by the Finance Committee that the split meeting format (in person and Zoom) was not advised by the UUA and that Finance Committee recommended that all voting be completed by mail. Lengthy discussion about best ways for this to be accomplished within our church community. **Motion made by Shirley Hairston that the 2020 Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2020 be completed via mail-in ballots. In order to determine quorum and for vote to be counted, the ballot must be postmarked by Saturday, June 6, 2020. A recorded**

information meeting will be held via Zoom on Saturday, May 30, 2020 and the recording will be posted on the church website for reference. An ad-hoc committee will be established to determine the logistics. The nominating committee will count and affirm the voting results and will report back to the congregation said results. Motion seconded by Minna Zelch. Motion passed.

After the building is reopened, the Board will convene an all congregation meeting to affirm and accept the results of the mail-in ballot vote as well as to use time for “traditional testimonials” that occur at the Annual Meeting.

5. Blood Drive May 17, 2020.

Bob Ross shared that all slots are now filled and that they are looking for ways to expand for additional slots. He is continuing to meet with the Red Cross to review the logistics.

Reports:

1. Chair Report – see attached
2. Minister Report – see attached
3. DRE Report- no written report. Halcyon is working on ways to have Coming of Age Sunday as well as Bridging and RE Sunday Recognition celebrations.
4. Building and Grounds Report:
Marten not present. Question about update on carpet for the DRE office.
5. Membership Report- see attached.

Motion made by Mary Stewart-McGovern to accept the resignation of the following individuals from the membership: Karen Dribben, Justin Simons, Dave Hytree, Sue Hytree, Emily Murphy, Bonnie Pearce. Motion seconded by Shirley Hairston. Motion passed. Board Secretary will notify Linda Work about changes.

Noted for Annual Report that In Memoriam notes should occur for the following deceased members: Marj Hill, Richard Yukl and Doris Wince.

Membership count now stands at 149 Members.

6. Treasurer’s Report – see attached. Thanks was given to Bob Ross, Scott Wise and Halcyon Domanski for efforts in completion of the RE Wing. House Next Door has spent 50% of its budget to date. Changes also noted to Music Fund as additional monies needed to pay for musicians.
7. Finance Secretary. Mark Guizlo noted that Annual Meeting will have Finance report through April 2020. Two corrections still need to be made to power church after review by Finance Committee.
8. Committee on Ministry. Jared shared that Eric Waldman has made connection with Transitions office to begin work on next Developmental Minister position.

Reminder that deadline for committee reports to be included in Annual Meeting report is May 12th.

Motion made by Shirley Hairston to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Diana Jackson. Meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.

Next meeting via Zoom to be held Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 10 am.

Submitted by Sue Borstein

Approved May 23, 2020