

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

Board of Trustees

Minutes of December 15, 2021 Meeting -- FINAL

Attendance

Pat Mohr (President*)

Deb Matherly (President-Elect*)

Beth Ann Rocheleau (Secretary*)

Ginny Verne (Treasurer*)

Rod Brown (*Ex Officio* as Past President)

Linda Brennison (*Ex Officio* as Finance Chair)

Jonathan White, Emilio Perez-Jorge, Caroline Eastman, Jean Capalbo, Tiffany Rushton, (Trustees)

Rev. Stephen Robinson (Guest(s) -- continuously, briefly or intermittently)

Absent: none

*Executive Committee

Call to Order: Pat Mohr called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Chalice Lighting: Pat Mohr lit the virtual chalice; Jean Capalbo later lit the real chalice

Covenant: Pat Mohr led the Board Covenant.

Additional Items for Agenda: added

Motion to Approve Agenda: approved

Motion to Approve Prior Meeting Minutes: The Board approved the November 2021 minutes with no changes.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda with Treasurer, Financial Statement, DRE, and Committee Reports: approved

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Sunday Lock-Up Assignments

The following slots are filled: Deb Matherly, January 2; Jonathan White, January 9, Rod Brown, January 16; Jean Capalbo, January 23; Linda Brennison, January 30; Ginny Verne, February 6.

Contracts for Congregational Retreats at The Mountain in October 2022 and October 2023

In October The Board approved signing both documents provided that minors are excluded from item 3 under the Joint Promotional Agreement section, and that the section about The Mountain possibly requiring us to purchase their insurance either be struck from both agreements, or reworked to allow us to cancel the agreement(s) with no penalty if UUCC cannot or will not pay for such insurance at the rates The Mountain may offer. It was anticipated that amended documents would be provided by The Mountain in time for discussion at the November meeting, but these were delayed and presented tonight. The revisions to the contracts appear to miss the mark, and Pat Mohr will ask for another revision. If the Joint Promotion clause cannot be revised as requested it will be necessary for signatories to the contract to always and only select the private event option. The revision to the insurance language still leaves the door open for The Mountain to require insurance, and if we do not provide it, to then require that we purchase their insurance at unknown rates.

Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee has appointed Angie Dodd Rabon to the Endowment Committee.

Policy on Disposition of Undesignated Gifts, Bequests, and Donations – first reading

Linda Brennison, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the first reading of the recommendation. The recommended policy was developed by the Finance Committee, and reviewed by Joe Long, Endowment Committee Chair. The Board was asked to be prepared to vote on the policy proposal at the December meeting, and the BOT voted to accept the recommended policy change. Linda Brennison will follow up with getting the policy manual updated.

Staff and Volunteer Appreciation

Emilio Perez-Jorge opened for discussion the idea of UUCB honoring both volunteers and staff who serve our community. The staff appreciation event will be scheduled in March; the volunteer appreciation event, in April. Various committees are working on these events.

NEW BUSINESS

Adult Religious Education Committee Plans -- The 8th Principal

Community classes are scheduled for January 5, 12 and 29 where the first meeting will be a development and planning meeting. Materials will be shared with the congregation in advance. The meetings will be held on these Wednesday evenings to help us move toward greater understanding of the 8th Principal, to tease out The 8th Principal issues from other issues around UUA policies, to facilitate open discussion and understanding, and to help us grow in our understanding of the issues as a community. Board members are encouraged to participate in the January meetings.

Retreat Planning

The retreat is scheduled for February 5 from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Merrell Club House courtesy of Ginny Verne with the first session an Accounting and Finance workshop led by Ginny Verne. Andrea Dudick and Michele Currie will be invited to the join us for the first session and lunch. We are asked to bring a cold bag lunch, a beverage if desired, and a drinking receptacle for coffee or water. Ginny will provide coffee, coffee service, desserts, and water. Masks will be required on entry and exit, in all public spaces in the building, and within the meeting room except when attendees are eating or drinking.

Possible Reinstitution of Shared Ministry Committee

Moved to January meeting.

Chalice Lighter for January 19, 2022 meeting: Jean Capalbo

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Draft Submitted by Beth Ann Rocheleau, Board Secretary, to Pay Mohr, President
December 15, 2021 at 9:20 p.m.

Final Submitted by Beth Ann Rocheleau, Board Secretary, to Lis Turner with copy to Pat Mohr, President
January 19, 2022 at 9:00 p.m.