

UUCR Joint Board of Trustees and Lay Ministry Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

6:30 - 8:00 pm via Zoom

In Attendance:

Board of Trustees: President Elsa Strong, Vice President Betsy Wilder, Brian Haugen, Mary Carvajal, Glenn Griffin, Don Helton, Larissa Johnson, Reverend Rebekah Savage

Lay Ministry Council: Kent Hancock, Karl Irikura, Terrie Barr, Chris Mennone, Karen Malley, Marie Vivas, Ellen Rohan, Terri Fritz, Julie Robinson, Mark Shannon, Steve Eckstrand, Christopher Julka, Rebecca Julka, Cynthia Shires-Thurston

Ministerial Interns: Mathew Taylor, Kirk Freeman

Opening words

Recitation of 8 principles

Check in

Members of the Board and Lay Ministry Council introduced themselves, their roles, and what inspired them to leadership

Secretary's Updates

Meeting minutes for July, August, and September distributed on October 11th and were reviewed. Motion by Brian Haugen, second by BW, motion carried unanimously

Minutes will be posted to the UUCR website at

<https://uucr.org/uucr-board-trustees-meeting-summaries>

Affirmation of virtual board votes held in between meetings:

- Motion to appoint Brian Haugen to serve as Secretary through June 2021, to fill the current vacancy until an election can be held at the Annual Congregational Meeting for the next Secretary term of three years. Brian would plan to return to his role as General Trustee at that time to complete his term. Motion by EPS, Second by LJ and the motion passed unanimously September 14th.
- Motion to approve June 2020 minutes. Motion by EPS, second by BW, and motion passed unanimously September 16.
- Motion to appoint Kendall Watson to serve as a General Trustee through June 2021, to fill the current vacancy while Brian Haugen serves as Secretary. Motion by EPS, Second by LJ and the motion passed unanimously September 14th.
- Motion to approve an expenditure of \$1800 as an unbudgeted item to cover the service and gift costs for Christin Green's ordination. Motion by EPS, Second by: LJ and the motion passed unanimously September 28th.

Treasurer's Update

August Treasurer's update distributed October 12th. General reserve at a reasonable level, contributions and donations remain steady, and rental income is a known challenge. There is still much uncertainty regarding how this fiscal year will play out, with a return to worship space out of our control. The Board appreciates the excellent work the Bookkeeper, Assistant Treasurers, and Finance Committee are doing to control what can be controlled.

Goals for the Year

BW and EPS led a group discussion towards the 2020-2021 strategic areas with members of the Board and Lay Ministry Council taking responsibility for the following areas: Enhance Membership, Foster Connections (Marie Vivas, Elsa Powel Strong); Foster Intergenerational Connections (Larissa Johnson, Marie Vivas) Develop Lay Leadership (Terrie Barr, Glenn Griffin, Karen Malley), Position UUCR for Social Justice Leadership (Chris Mennone, Larissa Johnson, Betsy Wilder).

Discussion of Realm:

The board and LMC discussed what options are available for improving experience of Realm as a congregational database. The printed and online directory used to post name, phone, address, and email addresses. The Board and LMC will present an Opt - Out approach to the congregation at the Town Hall meeting, where these key items would be made available for logged-users of UUCR Realm, and print-only versions for those who need them.

Closing words were offered by Glenn Griffin

Meeting Adjourned