



## UUCK Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes August 19, 2021

Approved Sept. 16, 2021

### I. Call to order

The meeting of the UUCK Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 pm on August 19, 2021, in a ZOOM meeting format. In attendance were Don Gregg, Diane Kloss, Carol Weigand, Rod Thompson, Vivien Sandlund, Heidi Shaffer Bish, and Rev. Steven Protzman. Not in attendance: Liz Bright.

### II. Announcements

The Board Listening Session for September will be held on Sunday, September 5, immediately following the Sunday service via ZOOM. Carol and Heidi volunteered to host, and the topic will be brainstorming ideas for in-person gatherings. Carol will contact MaryBeth to list the topic as a Breakout Room option.

### III. Prior Minutes

The minutes of the July 22, 2021, meeting were approved with one amendment. Vivien stated that Justice Ohio is actually UU Justice Ohio and is a statewide organization of UU churches dedicated to advocating for social justice issues. An initial motion to approve the minutes was made by Carol and seconded by Heidi. After discussion an amended motion was made to include this change by Rev. Steven, seconded by Vivien and passed with one abstention.

### IV. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was reviewed. Rev. Steven shared the current congregational goals and requested that board members read and reflect on them prior to meeting on August 22. He also encouraged the Board to think of ways to gather in-person. Diane asked about the feasibility of an in-person church service on August 29. There was discussion and it was agreed that an in person service could not be facilitated that quickly.

A shelter at Plum Creek has been reserved for a UUCK service on October 3.

The treasurer's report indicated that pledged income for July was lower than projected, which is typical for church finances in the summer months.

The MET minutes were reviewed.

Vivien and Diane were hosts at the Board Listening Session in August. The topic was the UUCK health and safety policy which Vivien summarized for attendees. Congregants were generally supportive of the board's position.

The consent agenda was received on a motion made by Rev. Steven and seconded by Diane.

### V. Agenda Items

- Construction Team Report - Punch list items for the kitchen remain to be completed. Rev. Steven thanked Heidi for her assistance with construction issues, especially the sidewalk extension. Heidi mentioned that Garrett Ferrara would like to be invited to an opening event of Hobbs Hall.
- Carol and Diane will meet prior to the September board meeting to review minutes and agendas from FY 2020-2021.
- Board communication - All church members can access the online directory, Breeze, and Diane offered to assist anyone as needed.
- Board Minutes Transparency - Board members agreed on the importance of transparency. After discussion it was decided that the minutes should be posted on the church website as a PDF and accessible through a link published in the ENUUS. Once the minutes are approved Diane or Carol will contact MaryBeth to post the minutes.
- Board Meetings - There was discussion about if and when to meet in person. It was determined that meetings will continue to be held via Zoom, subject to change.
- Fostering Congregational Reconnections

There was agreement about the importance of reconnecting with each other. Board members shared concerns about safety and ongoing construction issues. The consensus was that a church service tentatively scheduled for August 29 wasn't feasible. However, an outdoor service on September 12 could be both an RE kick-off and in-gathering as a welcome back event. Rev. Steven said that he felt with the board and tech team's help we could make this happen. Diane suggested setting up chairs in the parking lot, weather permitting.

The board brainstormed ideas for utilizing our campus for reconnecting activities. Some possibilities mentioned were revitalizing covenant groups, meditation and yoga classes, poetry slams, nature hikes and speakers on a wide range of topics. Several members offered to research opportunities.

- Board retreat will be held August 22 at 2:00 pm at Diane Kloss's house.
- Board Covenant - Two changes were proposed to the current document. #2 add the word congregational before covenant. #12 is amended as follows, Members of the Board will honor the Board's decisions and act in the spirit of unity by speaking with one voice. Don moved to accept the covenant with these changes, Heidi seconded, and the motion passed.
- Hobbs Hall Report - Rev. Steven was able to give Howard and Ann Hobbs a tour of Hobbs Hall.
- The Committee on Shared Ministry - COSM is in need of a member, and Rev. Steven said he would think about possible people.
- Board Orientation/Training will be held August 31 at 700pm via ZOOM
- Review Board Calendar FY2022 - This was tabled until the Board Retreat

Executive Session - was called and then exited on a motion made by Rev. Steven and seconded by Rod.

Process Review - There was a great deal of valuable discussion, and all of the agenda items were addressed. Rod mentioned the possibility of setting some time constraints for big ticket items in future meetings.

## VI. Closing

Meeting adjourned and chalice extinguished

Respectfully submitted by Carol Weigand and Diane Kloss