

OUUC SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2019

We are a liberal religious community that opens minds, fills hearts, and transforms lives.

Urgent Special Board meeting called by Don Melnick, Arnold Wrede and Barry Zickuhr per OUUC Bylaws to formally elect new Board officers, and to set the agenda for the Congregational Meeting to decide on calling Rev. Mary Gear as OUUC's settled minister on May 5th. (Note – Using Fritz's legal name, Arnold, on this document)

Board Officers Present: Don Melnick, President, Arnold Wrede, Vice President, John Tafejian, Treasurer

Members at Large: Sara St Clair, Christine Parke, James Trujillo, Rob Radford, Brian Coyne, Barry Zickuhr (acting Secretary)

6:30 Check In

6:32 Read Covenant

6:35 Reviewed Agenda

Leslie Romer approached Don to have the Environmental Action Team do the linkage meeting this month.

Noting that Wendy has left, Don proposed adding former Board roles to the agenda.

6:40 Nomination and Selection of Officers

Arnold Wrede was nominated, seconded, and elected President by unanimous voice vote

As new Board President, Arnold Wrede took over managing the meeting from Don.

We discussed Vice President options, Christine Parke & James were both mentioned as candidates. James wishes some downtime after being on the MST, Christine doesn't want to move on to being President after being Vice President, which is the normal path for Board officers in years previous. It was proposed that they be co-Vice Presidents, Christine for the first 6 months, James thereafter.

Motion to elect Christine Parke and James as Vice Presidents to act 6 months each, starting with Christine was called, seconded, approved unanimously via voice vote.

Barry was nominated for secretary, moved, seconded, and elected by unanimous voice vote.

John Tafejian was nominated to continue as treasurer, moved, seconded, and elected by unanimous voice vote

6:45 Review and assignment of other duties of outgoing board members

Wendy was on Linkage team with Chris.

Wendy & Mo were both on the Dashboard team with Barry.

Discussion followed:

Sara has volunteered to take on the issue of Moral Ownership.

Jim Anest and Neil Weinberg have volunteered to lead the deep listening project. This is a follow-up to healthy congregations workshop. Part of the intent is to rewrite or rework the covenant.

Jim did a doodle poll to invite some folks. Date set for May 6th. They will first start with healthy congregation & moral ownership. Sara was not invited, and is willing to be included. She will contact Jim.

Seminar/gathering is at 5:30-8:30pm, May 6th. Active Listening is the focus. Model is to start with smaller groups (15-20 people) and turn that around to the congregation. Participants in the first group will be asked to volunteer to lead new groups.

It was suggested that all Board members to eventually participate in the sessions.

Volunteers called for Linkage team and dashboard team. We then reviewed what the linkage management tasks are. The board is not responsible to put on the program, but rather to just manage the logistics (a/v, scheduling, etc.). Task is considered informal, no formal meetings.

Chris will connect with Wendy and Leslie Romer about making Environmental the linkage meeting for May

James volunteered to help Chris on linkage meetings.

Discussed Dashboard process. Barry willing to keep it going.

John will keep doing the Endowment Investment sub-team. Wendy & Jeff Goltz are the other members.

7:05 Plans for congregational meeting.

Arnold noted that per bylaws:

- 1) Quorum is 50% of congregational membership. Membership reported to UUA in January was 295 members. Thus we need 148 voting members to be there. Without that quorum, we will have to continue the meeting to a later date. We need to communicate this in every way possible
- 2) Call must be done by written ballot. List of members posted already on the wall by Darlene's Office.

Discussed balloting per bylaws. Absentee ballots are specifically excluded from ministerial call.

Discussed mechanics of voting. Worked out the agenda as:

- 1) After service, everyone leaves sanctuary
- 2) Members then register and receive ballot, and return to the sanctuary
- 3) Quorum requires a minimum of 148 registered ballots distributed
- 4) Assuming a quorum, meeting is called to order
- 5) Vote is called
- 6) Collect ballots
- 7) Count, return & report

Draft Meeting agenda:

Arnold will call for attention (?)

Carol McKinley will be asked to open the meeting. We will not read the covenant together, but Carol will emphasize the commitments of the covenant and the importance of each person voting their own personal choice.

James will introduce the motion as member of MST

Arnold will say a few words about allowing people to speak. Essentially - Keep it short and only speak about one's personal truth within this process. Goal is 1 min each.

We will print paper for Neil Marsh, acting parliamentarian, to monitor and keep speakers informed of their time.

We then collect ballots with offering baskets, adjourn to the workroom for counting.

Chris, Barry, and Rob will staff registration table(s). We'll need to check off members when we provide ballots.

Barry, Don, Chris will handle ballot collection & counting

John & Sara will be mic runners for speaking period

Once the result is known, Rev. Mary will be notified to return – she'll be out to lunch with a MST member. While waiting for her to return cookies & nuts will be provided.

Once Rev. Mary returns, assuming the call is successful, we will have a reception.

We will print an agenda, including ground rules for speaking. Also, we will print the covenant on back of agenda. The agenda will also be on overhead. Ballots will have Yes and No

Barry will draft the agenda and email out.

We will need a box of small pencils for balloting.

7:40 Closing and adjournment

The next board meeting will be Thursday, May 9, 2019.

Submitted this 29th day of April, 2019 by Barry Zickuhr, Board Secretary.