

OUUC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 11, 7:00 – 9:00 PM on Zoom

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

Board Officers Present: James Trujillo, President; Christine Parke, Vice-President; Jason Martinelli, Treasurer (late); Barry Zickuhr, Secretary

Members at Large Present: Brian Coyne, Diana Finch, Rich Kalman, Wendy Endress

Ex-officio Member: The Rev. Mary Gear

Members absent: Sally Alhedeff

Congregational members present: none

Opening words: Chris

Check in everyone

Review Agenda James reviewed the agenda.

Consent Agenda – approved

Congregational Member Concerns/Comments – Two passed to James. One that there are concerns about getting input for VME from 20-40 year-olds. Second that people were “lobbying” for what the Raise the Paddle item for the Auction would be. This is not part of the Board’s purview, and instead is part of Operations & Faith in Action. Congregants make the requests to Rev. Mary, she will then make the decision with the other ministries and then will take this to the Auction committee. Rev. Mary answered that future requests are to be directed to the Faith in Action ministry in the future.

Ministerial Report

Reviewed Ministerial report. Noted that the EAT will sponsor a community effort to “fund”, not “find” a dedicated environmental reporter for the Olympian. Also noted we will not fund this, but will help sponsor the community effort.

Noted we are starting to get back in the building, HVAC engineer is coming in, Staff has created a calendar to help with coordination. Rev. Mary & Troy will both be in the building for the service this weekend, Rev. Mary in the Sanctuary & Troy in the Commons.

The website is going well, although there have been some issues with transferring information as our old website was highly customized. There will be good testing prior to going live.

It was noted that the directory needs more photos, and we should solicit those more.

Calendar Project Review

Discussed report and recommendations. Reviewed and clarified understanding of budget timing, issues and adjustments to the Bylaws. Mo Canny was instrumental in creating the reports.

Discussed different options, Board will have a Question/Answer session with the congregation prior to the Board approval of the requisite Bylaw changes.

We need to send a lot of information out to the congregation in order to make sure this is well understood. We will need something to go out in the upcoming week or two.

We will decide in April for the board’s recommendation for the congregational meeting.

Committee reports - VME

James – communicated current status and schedule. Noted the number of people has been consistent at ~70-75. Reviewed upcoming events.

Chris & Diana – Jo has been outstanding, and communications is about done at this point. One more big meeting this Sunday, then the information needs to come out about the writing team results.

Rich – 7 people on the committee. Been listening very closely during the meetings, and they have a padlet communication for each other. They meet with Jake on Wednesday to help with pointers on the writing work.

James – Monitoring committee. First orientation will be the last week of March.

People seem to be very pleased with the process and there's a lot of good energy.

Have had some conversation about some of the language being used. Specifically tension between different strong opinions. Some people want to remodel the house, and others want to tear down the house and build a boat (so to speak).

There was some concern in the process about what we might NOT continue to do as a result of this process. That makes some people nervous.

Review new business and assignments for next meeting

Tasks and assignments:

- **James, Wendy & Brian lead Q/A on the 21st**
- **James will draft the simple communication prior to the meeting (for Sunday and Tuesday eblast)**
- **Wendy will share the graphic at the Q/A session.**
- **Wendy & Brian will draft the concise summary of the recommendation after the Q/A**
- **Board will decide on the Calendar change for the Congregational Meeting/Bylaw changes at the April meeting**
- **Barry will send a note about the changed date of Board meeting to Darlene & Rev. Mary for March 30 eblast**

Jason reviewed the meeting and gave us an A

For next meeting (Thursday, April 1 – moved to avoid OSD Spring Break week)

James will do opening and the closing words

Barry will grade the meeting

Wendy will do the board video

Closing Chris

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of March, 2021 by Board Secretary, Barry Zickuhr
