

First Jefferson UU Church Board Meeting
21 June 2020
Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting opened by David Winkowski at at 1:00 PM.

Present: David Winkowski, Mary Anne Clark, Brian Skinner, Paul Schattmann, Jo Burnham, Dan Sexton

Also Present: Annie Foerster

Visitors: Julie Hevelone

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting by Annie.

Quorum was verified by MAC.

Agenda was reviewed by David.

New items brought up at the coffee hour. (1) Planning for service auction. Need somebody to run it and how to hold it. (2) Dead tree in the memorial garden needs to come down.

Covenant was read by MAC

Process observer: Jo Burnham

Timekeeper: Brian Skinner

Checkin: Everybody checked in.

Kitchen/AC: The new AC has been installed in the kitchen!

Spiritual Practice: David showed a video with Roy Brake and Jo Burnham, made as a fundraiser for LGBTQ. Some good news: couple in the parking lot who had seen the LGBTQ banner stopped to ask for information about the church.

Consent Agenda: Minutes of the May 17 2020 Meeting and Minister's Report. Minutes were reviewed and approved. Annie summarized the minister's report.

May Action Items were reviewed by MAC.

Break

Financial Report was given by Dan Sexton. We need to continue to be frugal. Annie will be continuing to give the congregation updates during the service. Bank balance looks good. AC came in on the low end of estimates. We might consider investing some of the money.

Committee on Ministries: Bob Portman has completed his term on the committee. Mary Alice will be leading the committee. We need to replace Bob, probably with another male. One possibility is Raniel Baker. Annie will send the job description. Jo and MAC will invite him.

COVID Status: Viewing of online services is going up. We are not yet ready for live opening. Should we schedule additional activities at the church similar to the Banner Hanging? Brian suggested that maybe opening in the near future would have a negative political message. Annie's video ministry class has some suggestions. Maybe the Blessing of the Animals. Maybe a small ad hoc committee for planning selected services. Jo, Brian, Annie, Roy, Guy. Maybe a back to school + water communion.

Adult RE Status: There have been few attendees. We need to have better publicity. Web page, Facebook, Weekly list of events. We should do a survey. What's keeping people from participating?

Service Recording: Annie says we are getting better at doing the service recording. Julie and Patrick are both learning how to do the recording and Guy is talking about doing a general training. We need to get a video studio of our own (we are now using Guy's, mostly).

Misha Benefit Concert Update: Mischa recorded a concert in anticipation of a tour to Italy (?). Is that the Benefit concert? David Binde will be consulted about whether another is planned. Concert donations should be set up to go to Mischa and his family.

Name Change Status: The issue of the name change has been raised in the Facebook group. When we discuss it at next board meeting, we should collect all information related to it. Costs of doing it. Disadvantage of not doing it, etc. There has never been a vote taken on it in a congregational meeting. It will be put on the November 2020 meeting agenda.

UU GA Delegates: Only delegate so far is Annie.

Building Painting Project: Joel is willing to get a group together to finish painting the building. We will need to purchase paint and supplies. David will working with him on organizing it. Roy will also help with organizing and the work.

Service Auction: Tina Harmuth is willing to run it as a virtual auction. Since it's usually in October or November, it would be possible to do it outside. We could also defer to later in the year if necessary. Paul has already volunteered his old bicycle. We need to give Tina some help. Annie will discuss it with her and we will invite Tina to attend a Board meeting and make it a major agenda item.

Biggish tree in the memorial garden is dead and needs to come down. It is not an immediate danger to neighborhood properties. David will talk to Joel about what the current plans for removal are.

Update of Executive Session from May meeting: No minutes.

Process Review: Apart from some talking over Brian, we were fine.

Time Review: We were within time limits

Closing reading and chalice extinguished by Annie

Meeting closed at 3:05 PM.

June Action Item Update

Topic	Who	Action	Due Date
COVID-19 Status and Adult RE and other Church Meetings	Jo, Brian, Annie, Roy, Guy.	Full services still only online, but plan for some small meetings. Survey congregation on preferences.	Ongoing
Web conferencing	David, Annie	We have two church Zoom licenses. David and Annie will manage access to other groups. David will look into getting a third license	Ongoing
Building painting; dead tree	Roy Brake, David, Joel	Complete painting building exterior. Large dead tree in Memorial garden also needs to come down.	Ongoing
Unclaimed funds	David, Dan	David has applied for returned business item refund.	Ongoing
Benefit concert	Mischa, David Binde	Mischa has offered to do an online benefits concert for donations. Funds will be given to Mischa's Family. Check with David Binde about concert online is the benefit concert.	Done.
Renters	David	Wedding inquiry for June August. Mankind Project not meeting here. LGBTG doing parking lot meetings. Seeton s=chool starting.	Ongoing
General Assembly	David, Annie	We can have up to 3 GA delegates. No expenses past registration. All on line. Only Annie so far.	Ongoing
Pledge Drive	Dan	Pledge Drive completed, but we may add one later in the year.	Ongoing
Service Auction	Tina Harmuth, Annie	Tina has volunteered to organize this as an online event. Schedule Tina as board visitor.	Ongoing
Committee on Ministries	Jo, MAC	Raniel Baker invited to replace Bob Portman on committee? Annie will call him.	Ongoing
Name Change	Board and congregation	Issue needs to be presented at November Congregational Meeting	November
Service recording setup	Guy, Annie, Julie, Patrick	FJUUC needs to get stuff for recording the service. Julie is training as is Patrick.	Ongoing