

Unitarian Universalist Church Of Muncie
Minutes of the Special Board Of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

In Attendance:

Board: Caroline Sullivan – President – Present
Emily Wornell – President-Elect – Present
John Bartlett – Vice-President – Absent
Jennifer Hollems – Treasurer – Present
Mary Johnson Robey – Past President – Present
Brandon Mundell – Secretary – Present
Seth Carrier-Ladd – Minister – Absent (On Leave)
Julia Corbett-Hemeyer – Community Minister – Present

Guests: Benjamin Strack,

Unfinished Business

Introduction – Congregational Meeting

Use a script

Open the room at 12:30

Have two people doing check in. Use a Google Doc to allow real time entries by both people.

Make sure people properly and accurately label their Zoom views

Have “phone voting buddies” for voting. Call in people are not able to vote in Zoom

Use the waiting room function for check in

The Secretary will coordinate with John Bartlett on how best to create the Polls in Zoom for voting.

Mail a ballot to voting members that we can identify who will not have virtual access.

Brandon will send the Fall 2019 Congregational Meeting Minutes to John to be posted as “Proposed to be accepted”

Prepare a group text chat of Board Members for emergency use

Test polling at next week's Board of Trustees meeting

Agenda Items that will need to be prepared to vote for:

Approval of the Agenda – Present as “if there are no objections” by the chair
Approval of the Minutes – Present as “if there are no objections” by the chair
Budget – Jennifer will make the motion, second Emily
Slate of Nominations – Mary will make the motion, second Jennifer

Other off-topic discussion:

For the budget presentation, list the assumptions that we are currently using to make the budget.

Should the Committee on Ministries refocus on the ministries of the church outside the minister? The tasks of relationship with the minister would be assigned to the Transition Team Special Committee. We should have a conversation with Rev. Coeyman regarding evaluations.

New Business

Introduction – Nominations

Board of Trustees

Emily Wornell – President
Brandon Mundell – Secretary
Ben Strack – President Elect

Nominating Committee

Linda McKean

Development & Investment Committee

Denise Ewing
Jennifer Parks-Strack

Internal Finance Review Committee

Jim Vincent
Jay Moorman

Motion to approve the recommendation of the slate of nominations recommended by the Nominating Committee for the June 14th Congregational Meeting

Moved – Mary
Second – Caroline

Discussion –
Vote Yes – 6
No – 0
Abstain – 0

Motion Passed

Introduction – Public Statement against Police Violence

A letter was submitted by the Anti-Racism Task Force through Monica James and the Green Party

The letter submitted does not feel coherent to our stance as a church

The affiliation with the Green Party may endanger our non-profit status through an endorsement

As a friend (not regularly involved either), Monica cannot be the Chair of a church committee

We do want to communicate that we are in solidarity with people of color and the unfair treatment that is experienced in policing and police violence and the institutional and outright racism that our country has and is experiencing.

Need to balance the need to get it right and get it done quickly

Emily will try to contact Jerry McKean to see if he has any connections. Perhaps contact Josh Arthur at Urban Light.

Emily will also work to follow up on the letter that was received from Iris Chalk.

Board Action Assignments

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Emily will work on pulling together the resources for a formal response to our solidarity with people of color.

Visitor Questions –

Executive Session – No

Meeting Adjourned – 8:30 PM

Next Regular Meeting – June 10, 2020 – 6:30 PM (Virtual)