

**Unitarian Universalist Society
Board of Trustees
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

February 25, 2021 (virtual via Zoom)

PRESENT: Joe Rasmussen (President), Alan Swanson (Vice-President), Amy Fretz (Past-President), Mike Pavelich (Treasurer), Carol Adamson (Secretary), John Raley (Financial Trustee), Paul Pomrehn (Trustee), Colleen Higgins (Trustee), and Rev. Diana Smith (Minister, Ex-Officio)

ABSENT: Julia Audlehelm (Trustee)

GUESTS: Mary McMurray, Winnie Ganshaw

Board President Joe Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Rasmussen provided the opening words, with chalice lighting by Rev. Smith.

CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION FROM JANUARY 30, 2021 PLANNING MEETING:

Board members discussed the purpose and process of formulating *Three Open Questions* that will guide the planning of the Board. The goal is to have meaningful conversations with fellow congregants about issues it feels will inform future planning. Several themes were observed in the draft questions that Board Members shared via email before the meeting. Themes included: connection, pandemic experience, wider community, growth, families.

DEVELOP THREE OPEN QUESTIONS TO SUBMIT TO THE CONGREGATION

Board members discussed themes and wording of the *Three Open Questions*.

Swanson made a motion, seconded by Pavelich to approve the following Three Open Questions for 2021-2022:

1. What makes UUS unique and makes you want to be a part of it?
2. Are you aware of or thought of opportunities that exist for UUS to reach a broader community?
3. What have we learned from the pandemic and what can we use from this experience to nourish and grow our deep connections?

There was no further discussion. The motion carried.

DISCUSS HOW ENGAGEMENT WITH THE CONGREGATION WILL HAPPEN

The Board's Mission & Vision Committee, led by Pomrehn, will work on how to bring the Three Open Questions to the UUS congregation.

GUEST COMMENTS – none

CLOSING

There were no process observer comments, Higgins provided closing words, and the chalice was extinguished. *Pavelich made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Raley. Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.*

Carol Adamson, Secretary