**UUS Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights**

**7:00pm, March 15th, 2023**

**Zoom meeting**

**Present**: Rochelle Honey-Arcement (President), Jeff Walberg (Vice President), Mike Pavelich (Treasurer), Christine Etler (Secretary) Jerry Wetlaufer (Financial Trustee), Hazel Seaba (Trustee), Julia Audlehelm (Trustee), Diana Henry (Trustee), Rev. Diana Smith (Ex-officio) **Absent:** Alan Swanson (past President) **Guest:** Deb Schoelerman

**Meeting Opened** at 7:12 pm

**Consent Agenda**:

The Board received the consent agenda prior to the meeting and *a motion was made by Pavelich to approve. The motion was seconded by Henry. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.*

**Board Read Discussion:**

The board is reading Mistakes & Miracles by Susan Dana Lawrence, Karen Lin, and Nancy Palmer Jones. We discussed chapters 3 and 4.

**Planning and Connecting**

Board Structure

Potential changes to our board structure were discussed. If we want to propose changes, we will need to have bylaw amendments ready to present to the congregation at the elections meeting in May. We did not come to any conclusions this evening.

Etler and Honey-Arcement will meet to discuss the creation of specific bylaw amendment language to be ready prior to the April board meeting.

**Continuing** **Business**

Bio Cell Repair (Guest: Deb Schoelerman)

The latest estimate for work on maintaining the Biocell is $5315. The board suggests that the land ministry bring their proposal to the Endowment committee to request Reese funds. The Endowment committee meets in late April. The board will plan to do an email vote after the Endowment committee makes their recommendation.

Bristol Fund

*Motion by Wetlaufer: Accept the proposal from the Endowment committee to adjust the corpus of the Bristol Fund $3147.00. Board approved unanimously.*

**New Business**

Event Form Approval for Food Drive Collaborative Effort

*Motion by Pavelich: Accept a UUS event application for a food drive for Lucas Elementary students, to be held on Sundays in April. Board approved unanimously.*

Endowment Committee Candidate to Complete Carmen Grigg’s Term (Dan Cummins)

*Motion by Henry: Approve Dan Cummins as a candidate for the Endowment committee. Board approved unanimously.*

Corporate Change of Agent & “UUS” Name

*Motion by Wetlaufer: Approve the change from the UUS’ current registered agent Thomas H McMurray to the new registered agent Emma Barnum as Congregational Administrator. Board approved unanimously.*

*Motion by Henry: Adopt the name: “Unitarian Universalist Society” as an alias under which* Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City, Iowa *will operate, and document this resolution by filing it with the State. Board approved unanimously.*

Masks

Rev. Diana reviewed the masking survey results. UUS will move toward changing our masking guidelines. Masks during service will be strongly recommended but optional. The staff will proceed in developing messaging, signage, details, and date for implementation.

Preschool Update/New initiative

Staff are considering postponing the formation of the preschool.

Due to the current hostile legislative environment in Iowa for LGBTQ youth, we are exploring the idea of providing support to families with children who do not feel safe in schools and are choosing to enroll in public online education. We are considering providing facilities, space and adult supervision for children during the school day.

There has not been extensive consideration of this concept as staff just started brainstorming today. Additional ideas are to provide OWL programming outside public school time (during breaks or after school), obtaining funding to support facilities use through a “Faithify campaign”, etc.

*Motion by Etler: The board supports Rev Diana and her staff doing further planning on this concept. Board approved unanimously.*

**Closing:**

Honey-Arcement gave process observer comments, Walberg provided closing words, and the chalice was extinguished. *Wetlaufer moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Honey-Arcement. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.*

Meeting Minutes submitted by Christine Etler, Board Secretary (With additions from Julia Audelhelm (Trustee))

Approved 4/19/23 -CPE