**Unitarian Universalist Society**

**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

**7:00pm, January 18th, 2023**

**Present**: Rochelle Honey-Arcement (President), John Bowman (Vice President), Mike Pavelich (Treasurer), Christine Etler (Secretary), Alan Swanson (past President), Jerry Wetlaufer (Financial Trustee), Hazel Seaba (Trustee), Julia Audlehelm (Trustee), Rev. Diana Smith (Ex-officio)

**Absent:** Diana Henry (Trustee)

**Guest:** Jeff Walberg, Nik Kaplan

**Meeting Opened** at 7:04 pm

**Opening Words:** Hazel

**Consent Agenda**: **P1** December 21, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes, **P2** December Treasurer’s Report, **P3** Congregational Administrator’s December 2022 Financial Narrative Summary, **P4** December Minister’s Report **P5** Finance Committee Minutes

Motion: Westlaufer moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Swanson seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

**Board Committee Updates**

Governance **Alan Swanson**

Met in December but wukk I not in January

Personnel **John Bowman**

The January meeting was cancelled.

Finance **Jerry Wetlaufer**

The committee discussed the proposed 2023 budget. 392k pledges. Next meeting with financial advisor. Discussion for planned

Right Relations **Julia & Christine**

We are in process of scheduling

Mission and Vision Review **Co-Chairs: Diana H. & Hazel**

Had meeting on Monday – discussed senior member involvement, religious education, and shared ministry. Recruited 1 new member, Ernie Cox to the committee. Hoping to add 2 more.

**Planning and Connecting**

Board Read Options

We may wish to resume reading Emergent Strategy. Another option **is Mistakes and Miracles** – the UUA common read. We may also wish to read something related to governance to accompany our government refresher. We have decided to read M&M by Nancy Palmer Jones and Karin Lin

**Continuing** **Business**

Shared Ministry Review/Board Retreat

We agreed that we should plan to combine our rescheduled refresher meeting with Sharon Dittmar with the Board retreat. We will aim for February or early March.

Directive to Rev. Diana and Staff/Community Engagement

We discussed what we mean by “community engagement”

1. Rentals
2. Programming that reaches out into the community to engage people unfamiliar with UUS. Programming offered to the general public and not just the membership. May or may not include partnering with other community groups. Also includes concert series.

**New Business**

Congregational Certification Questions

All board members will provide their answers to the questions (ranking) by next Monday. Email to Etler. Seaba suggested that that we review the answers we have submitted over the last 5 years.

Nature Camp Discussions

Board Expresses support for DLRE Nic Kaplan’s work and plan.

Nic has what they need for the Summer Camps

Nic will want a team for the future of the Summer Camps as they will not be

able to sustain all the work in the future.

Motion regarding Summer Camp: “The Board Applauds and Encourages the

Summer Camp with the expectation that income will surpass any added staffing

cost needs.” Motion by Mike Pavelich, Second by Jerry Wetlaufer, Passed

unanimously.

 Nature Preschool

Motion regarding Nature Preschool: “The Board Endorses and Approves the budget for

the formation of the Nature Preschool.” Motion by John Bowman, Second by Jerry

Wetlaufer, Passed unanimously.

Night of 1000 Dinners a United Nations Fundraising Event

Motion to co-sponsor the event along with Jim Olsen, with no cost to the congregation.

Motion by Alan Swanson, Second by Mike Pavelich, Passed unanimously.

Appointing Jeff Walberg as Vice President

Motion to approve the appointment of Jeff Walberg as Vice President: Swanson; Bowman seconded. The motion passed unanimously

**Guest Comments** - none

**Closed Executive Session – not held**

**Process Observer Comments -** Wetlaufer

**Closing Words** – Audlehelm

**Motion to Adjourn and Extinguishing of the Chalice**

Motion to approve: Audelman; Pavelich seconded. The motion passed unanimously

**Meeting ended at 9:20 pm**

Meeting Minutes submitted by Christine Etler, Board Secretary  (with additional notes by Rochelle Honey-Arcement)

Approved March 15,2023