

UUSMC Board Meeting 4/28/2021 – 6:30-7:30PM

Attendees: Greg Pelley, Ann Draper, Joe Snader, Susan Klugerman, Heather Petit, Vicky Tosh-Morelli, Brian Coleman, Lemaine Peo

Consent agenda:

March minutes approved.

Minister's report received.

We have received 40+ responses to the congregational survey.

Treasurer's report: we saw a good March in terms of income – we have a surplus that is typical for this time of year. It looks like we might finish above break-even. This is a good position to be in considering that our sole source of money is pledges. We are being optimistic about expected income. Finance committee agrees with John's budget given state of uncertainty; we will re-evaluate in December.

UUA previously offered reduced dues at around 12,000, but has now sent a formal paperwork at 14,000. Our plan is to get the 12,000 confirmed by UUA. Greg will follow-up.

Vote was unanimous to approve draft budget. The finance team has enough time to prepare and present this budget at the annual congregational meeting.

The board received Jamie Kegerise's request for a youth event, meadow maintenance on a May weekend; Vicky proposes that Jamie pick a weekend and we will help publicize the event.

The congregation needs some help in hosting Adult RE and Sunday Live via Zoom.

Covid Reopening

Children will probably be last to be vaccinated; they will become the most vulnerable.

There is a limiting factor for outdoor services: Greg could only speak for a short time outdoors.

Can we hold outdoor game sessions with children during the summer? Can we start looking at small group gatherings at the church?

We should start thinking about what kind of events can be rolled out during the year; talk about what this might look like at the annual meeting; we plan to introduce the idea of livestreaming at the annual meeting.

Ministry Assessment

The team contacted various groups within the congregation, received reports, consolidated them into a format similar to last year's report.

The team's assessment of the ministry was generally positive, focused on keeping the congregation together and functional. The team will meet one more time and publish report about a week before annual meeting.

Annual Meeting

Vicky assumes that she will lead the meeting, proposes that Lemaine handle the ministerial assessment; Joe will act as backup for Lemaine.

Timeline: when will we hold budget review mtgs? We are planning on two meetings around the end of May, to give people time to review budget before meetings. Vicky will propose Sunday after service and weekday evening meetings-will send proposal to Ann and finance.

An Election Buddy voting notification can go out around the same time as the meeting is held. During the meeting Greg will determine who is eligible to vote: those members who have made a financial contribution of record in the last year.

At the end of the congregational year, Lemaine, Brian, and Susan will be leaving the board; normal expectation is that they join the next nominating committee.

New business: Kristen Tosh-Morelli has resigned as music director; the plan is to make a formal announcement in the next few weeks. The short-term plan is to rotate other congregants in the role of choosing playlists for Sunday morning live.