

UUFLG Board of Trustees meeting - February 11th, 2021

Minutes prepared by Charlie Holst, Secretary

Attendees:

Karen O'Brien (vice president)
Rick Roberts (treasurer)
Charlie Holst (secretary)

Lauri Feetham (member-at-large)
Colleen Hamilton (DRE)
Rev. Fa Jun

Meeting called to order (7:05 pm, via Zoom), followed by check-in

The board approved the minutes for the January 14, 2020 meeting.

Finance committee update (Rick)

Pledge request letters went out. Donna will announce at the services. The sooner we receive pledge responses, the sooner we can start the budget process. The last 2 months have been lean on the income front. January had a net deficit of over \$2000 for the month. The PPP application has been filed. If that's successful, that will help with covering the shortfall caused by the loss of rental income. On the thermal barrier front, the first step would be the windows, which are at least 8-10 weeks out due to supply issues; we haven't yet received the bid. In the meantime, Rick is looking into other projects we can do to advance this initiative.

COVID task force update (Rick, Charlie)

Indoor gatherings: Unanimous decision among the task force that, regardless of the [new Santa Clara county guidelines](#), out of respect for the interconnected web of life, **we don't advocate re-opening for indoor services until later in 2021**. This logic applies to our renters, too. We noted that state and county health officials strongly discourage indoor gatherings. The original UUA goal of a May 2021 reopening (likely in a hybrid in-person/Zoom model) still seems like a reasonable one. The task force will continue to monitor evolving guidance, including [the UUA's](#). The task force will also proactively start considering the logistics of how indoor in-person, distanced gatherings might work.

Outdoor gatherings: Based on past experience in the Fall, 2020, the task force recommends that we wait until the [Santa Clara county risk tier](#) drops to Orange (Moderate) to host physically distanced outdoor gatherings. The county is still at the Purple (Widespread) tier.

Karen suggested that the COVID task force share an update at the next service. Charlie agreed to share a brief update.

Update from RE committee (Colleen)

0. We are seeking more volunteers for the committee and for our planned events.
1. Wintertime opportunities outlined in Jan continue as we plan to resume in-person physically distanced events April 3 (Afternoon of Fellowship) and May 8 (Afternoon of Service).
2. RE "Care Bear" contacts have been completed to date.
3. One family picked up two backpacks for annual survival sack drive with Sacred Heart; drop off is Feb. 27.
4. Initial inquiry for help with containers in children's lot has been filed with Each Green Corner; narrow containers along retaining wall could address issue of height hazard as well as concrete steps.
5. We seek go-ahead to proceed with proposed collaboration on OWL and/or Coming of Age classes with Sunnyvale.
6. We endorse land acknowledgment project and would like to involve youth as much as possible.

UUA certification (Rick)

Rick needs the help of the Board to complete the online application, focusing on Areas 5 & 6. It is due 2/17/21, so timely responses will be needed.

Membership committee (Fa Jun, Charlie)

Charlie, Cindy, and Fa Jun met twice to initiate the Membership Committee. Charlie and Fa Jun will continue to re-create a membership committee. New to UU class scheduled for March 4th, 6:30-8:00 pm. One question for the Board to consider is whether signing the physical membership book should be an absolute requirement for becoming a member, as the current bylaws require.

Committee Update from Member-at-Large (Lauri)

- Building & Grounds (Ellen)
 - Annual Fire inspection was clean!
 - No January work day
 - February work day
 - Worried about the broken tiles in the women's restroom - Rick will bring in a contractor to investigate.
 - Emergency contact list will be updated
 - Quarterly updates would be helpful for better communication

Communication Class (Fa Jun)

Fa Jun is planning to offer a communication empathy class free to UUFLG pledging members. The Board thought that was a very nice gesture.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Next meeting—Mar. 11, 2020