



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Unity Temple Community Center
6:30 PM, July 14th, 2020

MY FRIENDS: LOVE IS BETTER THAN ANGER. HOPE IS BETTER THAN FEAR. OPTIMISM IS BETTER THAN DESPAIR. SO LET US BE LOVING, HOPEFUL AND OPTIMISTIC. AND WE WILL CHANGE THE WORLD.
 –JACK LAYTON, FORMER LEADER OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF CANADA

Chalice lighting and Centering	Erik	6:30 pm
Check-in	All	6:35 pm
Treasurer's Report	Lynne	6:45 pm
Consent Agenda	All	6:55 pm
Social Witness petition to study Fair Tax issue a) Review of Bylaws, Article IX b) Faith in Action teams, new iteration of Social Mission team? VoteLove team leaders c) Approval of proposed virtual forum, Aug. 6, 7-8:30 pm (publicity, Zoom, moderator) d) Anticipated submission of Public Statement petition, August 11 BoT meeting e) BoT to set up virtual Special Meeting, August 26 or 27 (1) Certification of attendees & quorum (2) Absentee ballots (3) Articulation of voting process (paper & electronic ballots)	All	7:10 pm
Consultant work: final approval of Memorandum of Understanding; consideration of dates	All	7:45 pm
Reflecting with the Board: Sun. 7/19, 1:00 & Mon. 7/20, 7:00 Topics?	Stephanie	7:55 pm
Executive Session: Preliminary budget discussion in preparation for tomorrow's joint meeting with A-Team and F & I team	BoT, Alan	8:00
Adjournment	All	8:30

1) Attendance

- Erik Wise, Teresa Powell, Elizabeth Plummer, Julie Willoughby, Willa Shultz, Rev. Alan Taylor, Rev. Emily Gage, Stephanie Kiesling, Lynne Hensel, Tina Lewis, Rich Pokorny, Aisha Ellis, Kimberly Brumirski, Ed McDevitt, Judith McDevitt (guest from Vote Love - Team Leader)
- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2) **Centering - provided by Erik Wise**

- Pablo Casals Quote

3) **Check-in with all attendees**

4) **Treasurer's Report**

- 2 scenarios are being considered as it relates to budget planning – opening in person activities in September or opening in January
- Prediction is to break even in 2020
- Next year will be very challenging
 - Our income growth will be flat from 2020 to 2021
 - Tour income has stopped
 - As anticipated, we are not adding new members, thus pledges not increasing from that.
 - We anticipate members will be experiencing financial stress and probably won't be increasing current pledge amounts.
 - Next year we will not have PPP. (this was \$128,000)
- Finance committee requests BOT input on:
 - What the budget priorities are?
 - What level of deficit are we able to accept?

5) **Review of the Consent Agenda**

- Pointed out that Emily, Elizabeth and Tina decided to forgo professional expenses.
- Question of how people can attend the monthly BOT meetings – Zoom information not given publicly, but Willa's email is available, and they can request the link from her.
- 2 people being approved for AFD (John Frye and Larry Kameya)
- 1 person being approved for Personnel Committee (Amanda Kaleta-Kott)
- Ed moved to approve Consent Agenda, seconded (unanimous)

6) **Social Witness petition to study Fair Tax issue**

- Review of Bylaws, Article IX
 - Discussed if recognizing the VoteLove team as the Social Mission Committee is allowed
 - Erik motions "The board recognizes the Social Mission Committee currently exists as the Faith and Action Network which meets the same criteria. VoteLove team is part of the Faith in Action Network and therefore has the rights under Article IX", Seconded, unanimous
- Approval of proposed virtual forum, Aug. 6, 7-8:30 pm (publicity, Zoom, moderator)
 - Discussed the roles and responsibilities of the organizers
 - It was determined that the board does not need to vote to approve the virtual forum
 - Is it appropriate for the UTUUC Zoom account to be used for this? It was agreed that this is fine
- Discussed how and when to give notice for the all congregation meeting. We are targeting the August 26 or 27 or week after Labor Day
- Discussed preparation that would be required for the special meeting
 - Absentee ballots
 - Electronic voting
 - Certification of the quorum
- Discussion of the absentee ballots count toward the quorum - This is yet to be determined and needs more study of the bylaws and constitution.

7) **Consultant work: final approval of Memorandum of Understanding consideration of dates**

- Ed moves to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, seconded, unanimous
- Discussion of recent changes

8) **Reflecting with the Board: Sun. 7/19, 1:00pm and Mon. 7/20, 7:00pm Topics?**

- Discussion will include:
 - Social Mission Forum
 - Recent letter from Finance Committee
 - Communities transformation team and status of reopening
 - Better understanding of the role of UUA

9) **Executive Session: Preliminary budget discussion in preparation for tomorrow's joint meeting with A-Team and F & I team**

Julie moves to enter executive sessions, seconded, unanimous

Ed moves to exit executive sessions, seconded, unanimous

New Business

- No new business

Adjourn

- Rich motion to adjourn, seconded (unanimous)
- Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Erik Wise