

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson

Minutes – BOT Monthly Meeting

April 26, 2020

12:00 PM via Google Hangouts

Board Members present: Dave Sanders, Mandolin Bright, Terre Balof, Bing Johnson, Kathy Crain, Holly Ulbrich, Tom Hiebel, Michael Elder, Cecil Huey, Suzy Marcus

Staff present: Becky Turner

Members present:

Guests: Del Kimber, Gordon Crain

➤ **Call to order at 12:00 pm**

➤ Welcome and Check In

➤ Reading and Chalice Lighting

➤ Approval of March Minutes

Move to approve the March minutes as amended.

Motion: Holley

Second: Michael

Passed by 11 members

➤ Old Business

▪ Interim Search Update / Covenant

- Holley read a document... and gave list of documents that are currently included in the packet
- On May 2nd we will receive a list of candidates interested in UUFC – likely to have four candidates in the first round
- Intensive period will begin after list of candidates arrives to rank them; hoping to have a candidate singled out on the 18th of May

▪ COVID-19 Response

- Timing/Duration of Closure

- Suggested that we should not hold services in sanctuary before end of May, which is what several congregations in area seem to be considering. Need to consider which of the regular weekly events should resume at that time (RE classes, social time, etc.) Recommended by Dave that BOT follow lead of committees to make some decisions and review these. Holley suggested Council of Committees should play a role.
- Use of virtual tools (G Suite) (Bing/Dave)
 - Discussed different methods to hold webinars and setting up a test run with member of BOT (possibly Holley)
- Stream Team Update (Suzy / Del)
 - Presentation with overview of different components of video streaming and the hardware required to broadcast live services; a few pieces of technology would need to be purchased to implement their recommendations. Bing shared context of the ATT internet plan and recommended using caution in approach to switching plan. Dave thanked Suzy, Del, and rest of Stream Team for preparing this.
 - Some discussion on whether or not the changes were intended to open door for new possibilities to improve what is currently being done. Del pointed out that this plan was intended to be implemented without having to overhaul much of the current system.

Move to approve purchase of equipment and cabling, other supplies to implement Stream Team plan (~\$800, <\$1000).

Motion: Bing

Second: Holley

Passed by 11 members

- Virtual Church services (feedback on online worship services)
 - Holley shared some updates that have been made to improve quality of the virtual services; Kathy suggested that offering could be incorporated into the Sunday service stream, as some other congregations are doing; Mandolin suggested considering other ways of connecting tangibly with congregation if virtual services continue (sending out the seeds ahead of 4/26 service was a great idea)

➤ Officer Reports

▪ Minister Report

- After recognizing Mandolin for efforts to feed victims of 4/13 Seneca tornado, Holley suggested that UUFC nonperishable donations could go to the Golden

Corner Food Pantry, since CCC is running out of storage space

- CFO Report
 - No additions to report that was sent out; asked for vote on resolution to allow BOT to borrow money from PPP; Dave has authorized Michael Elder to sign for PPP loan for the congregation

Motion to pass resolution authorizing BOT to borrow money from PPP funds.

Motion: Tom

Second: Holley

Passed by 11 members

- Social Action
 - Janie Shipley and Mike Hammig have stepped up to provide leadership to UUFC's involvement with Our Daily Rest, when COVID-19 restrictions allow this volunteer effort to continue. We have not been successful to find a facilitator for UUFC's involvement with Family Promise to take over for Heidi Campbell, who is stepping down. Help is needed for suggestions of someone to ask.
 - UUFC's building will be used for a health screening hosted by PrideLink, geared toward the LGBTQ+ community. Kathy and Art Campbell will meet Ethan Johnstone at UUFC on May 5th to provide a tour of the main building. The health screening will occur on Saturday, July 18th. The main building has been reserved for this purpose and Jeanne Malmgren has been notified about the need to relocate her Saturday morning meditation sessions.

➤ New Business

- MUUG Book - Board Consent vote for Jon Hoskins offer to create and Opt-In photo directory

Motion to accept offer of Jon Hoskins to create UUFC photo directory.

Motion: Tom

Second: Kathy

Passed by 11 members

- Farewell Service for Terre
 - The last weekend of May was initially discussed as the prospective date for this service; as UUFC is unlikely to resume services by that time, a rescheduled weekend for later in the summer is being considered. Holley suggested presidents who have served during her time as minister could help compose the service.

- Exit Interview for Terre
 - BOT members to take place in this will need to be selected

➤ Announcements

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➤ **Adjourn at 1:40 pm**