

**West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church
Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, March 25, 2021, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Motions and Minutes
Approved April 23, 2021 8 p.m.**

Present

TRUSTEES:

Daniel Ang
Gary Kustis
Sarah Soper
Carolyn Brown
Karen Auer
Lois Riemer
Brian Gardner
Liz Nolan
Suzanne Rusnak
Joe Schafer - ex officio

STAFF:

Rev. Anthony Makar
Suehana Kieres

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Jen Wynn

MOTIONS:

Moved that a one-time exception be made to allow for congregational input for the Annual Meeting agenda to occur at the April Board meeting rather than the March Board meeting: Motion made by Karen, Suzanne seconds - all in favor, none opposed

Moved that Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure for Congregational Meetings (Section 6 of Board policies) be amended: Motion made by Brian, Gary seconds - all in favor, none opposed

Motion for approval of February 25, 2021 Minutes with suggested edits and changes: Motion made by Liz, Lois seconds - all in favor, none opposed

MINUTES:

1) Chalice Lighting
Daniel Ang

2) Opening Reading
Daniel Ang - From Benediction for a People in Pandemic, Anya Semler Michael UU minister

3) Financial Report
Jen Wynn - Finance Committee Chair

- Investment strategy has been drafted but not ready for current meeting - interviewing investment advisors, hearing from UBS
- Next month will have details, presented by Em Guildenmeister
- Will also have first draft of next year budget in April
- Suehana will have CCC budget, may have WSUUC budget too but uncertain
- Upcoming expenditure: Child Care Center refrigerators in Baker Hall currently dying slow death, also need to replace Baker's church fridge for 7k - not super big hurry but upcoming

Questions: Sarah: pledging deadline: end of March? End of April? Did not include in pledge letter - Suehana: 4/1 for Board, 4/30 for church membership

4) Senior Minister Report

Rev Anthony Makar- Senior Minister

- 75th Anniversary team - Suzane Rusnak w/ Karen Kircher
- Service Auction Team - losing Jerry Knasel, Pam Smith took his place
- Coordinating Council meetings - BOT liaison, can't be Joe - would need to be
- JVTF - prelim meeting w/BOT reps, first official meeting - skills/needs for task, chair, articulating job of chair - good meeting, Anthony is pleased - meeting next Thursday April 1, Anthony will be more support than leadership after that
- April 8 Ministry Justice Council and Outreach meeting - still some hurt feelings and misunderstanding - mindful about providing calm and comfort - include JVTF in meeting

Questions:

Brian: wants to make sure JVTF gets support from BOT - plan will go through BOT first before going to congregation, don't want to do damage - next meeting will be talking specifically about nuts and bolts of strategic planning - develop common vocabulary

Suzanne: tools? Surveys? Not part of the conversation yet - consultants, UUA resources, etc.

Brian: unified strategic planning in large congregation

- Two principles in saying yes/no: in line with/violates 7 principles; is it a good idea now or later

5) Motions for amending rules for annual meetings - Joe Schafer and Governance Committee

First issue: 6. RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Rule 1. Agenda for the Annual Meeting. The agenda for the Annual Meeting is prepared by the Board of Trustees at the last Board meeting prior to the Annual Meeting. Any Church member may request a motion to be voted on at the Annual Meeting by presenting it at the March Board meeting. Any Church member may also request an item for presentation and/or discussion at the Annual Meeting by submitting the request in writing to the Board President prior to the March Board meeting.

Plan is to set date into perpetual calendar - allow because of Annual Meeting reschedule for May - one time exception

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Second issue: Annual Meeting: rules for meeting in policies did not discuss electronic voting - Rule 3 section 6 of BOT policies: adds “or by electronic voting for those participating virtually” - also removes written ballot requirement that was deemed unnecessary

Discussion: Gary: contested election statement was too confusing

Joe: still confusing - contested refers to more than three candidates for BOT due to petition for inclusion

Brian: what counts as a written ballot, anonymous ballot

Joe: Zoom polling very successful for GCC, Debbie is learning about how to do that

Final wording voted upon reads as follows:

Rule 3. Means of Voting. So long as a quorum is present, voting on any motion or election, unless the bylaws otherwise provide, is decided in the first instance by an uncounted show of hands, **or by electronic voting for those participating virtually.** If the Chairperson wishes a counted vote or if a member requests it, the vote must be counted. The required proportion of votes cast by members to approve a motion or election will be as set forth in the bylaws or these rules of procedure. The results of all votes must be certified by the Chairperson.

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6) Consent Agenda - Sarah Soper

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75th Jubilee “FOR A MULTI-FACETED CHURCH” - Suzanne is liaison, encouraging who is in charge to have BOT support

7) Closed Session

Daniel Ang

8) Closing Reading/ Extinguishing the Chalice

Daniel Ang

Same Author: I put my faith in you