

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF MIDLAND
3301 NEELY AVENUE MIDLAND, TEXAS**

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: November 7, 2021, 12:12 pm

PRESIDENT: Janine Deckard - PRESIDENT ELECT: Barbara Handley - TREASURER: Jane Hellinghausen
SECRETARY: April Graham - AT LARGE: Eli Hilbert, Lisa Jebson, Rebecca Dodge

CALL TO ORDER / CERTIFY QUORUM – All are present

WELCOME

OPEN FORUM FOR CONGREGATION OR INVITED GUESTS -

CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS (consent agenda) done online/email: accepted

* MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING – Janine moves to accept as written – all in favor

* STAFF REPORTS (DRE, COVID CARE)

* TREASURER'S REPORT - Jane submitted 2nd PPP loan forgiveness to the bank and it is being reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

STAFF REPORT – Jessica Stewart: We appreciate you!

*\$45640 in pledged funds

*COVID update: 11% test positivity rate

*Survey has been sent, responses are coming in online and by paper

COVID CARE TEAM UPDATE: In-Person service discussion

*Some tech issues like echo on recordings

*Possibility of replacing one of the laptops – Janine motions that Barb meets with worship team to find a new device for service. Eli seconds. All are in favor.

NEW ACTION ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION—need count to determine quorum for Fall Meeting

*53 current members; Barb asks about those who have moved away?

TREASURER'S REPORT – Divisions? – we need a signature on some paperwork – Barb will sign it.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Exterior lights need replacement bulbs; running toilet in women's restroom; wall behind the stove is damaged due to vent leak – vent needs to be sealed and drywall remedied

-Lisa will ask Tim to work on these projects, and he will call a plumber for the toilet if needed

MINISTERIAL SEARCH: Discuss the Fall meeting

Interim Minister search committee

-Congregation will vote on whether to search for an interim minister or continue lay-led

-at fall meeting, ask if there are people interested in serving on the search committee (though the final composition of the committee will need to reflect the demographics of the church)

-nominating committee

From the Bylaws:

Article VII Elections

Section 1: Nominating Committee Selection Process

The five-member Nominating Committee shall be nominated at the Fall Congregational Meeting and

elected by a quorum of the congregation in the following manner:

Nomination:

a. The congregation shall nominate a slate of at least two candidates from members of the *Board of Directors* for election to the Nominating Committee.

b. The congregation shall nominate a slate of at least six candidates from *members of the congregation* for election to the Nominating Committee.

c. Nominees must have been members of UUCOM in good standing for the previous 90 days.

Election:

a. In order of votes received, five candidates shall be *elected* to the Nominating Committee; this shall include one member of the Board of Directors and four members of the congregation.

b. The remaining nominees shall serve as alternates for the committee, in order of votes received.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE- Barbara: Filled for November and December

Dec 26 - Holiday Brunch @ 11:00 in lieu of regular service

DRE- Barbara is still meeting before church for the kids.

Holiday Party? – make the brunch the party instead

GARAGE SALE NOVEMBER 6 (Barbara) – Update - \$1700

Idea to make it more of a flea market next year, Friday and Saturday – rent out table space

SHARE THE PLATE: December: minister's discretionary fund

Meeting with Rev. Cole: Dec. 15 at 7, or 16 at 7

AT LARGE MEMBER: Rebecca Dodge has accepted the position

WELCOMING CONGREGATION ITEMS: Eli will send links to Jessica to order gender neutral signs on the bathrooms and an updated pride flag for the table

*Eli will also look into flags for nametags for pronouns

Next meeting: December 12th, 12:15pm

THANK YOUS: Barbara and Shanda, Alex, Mike, and Harry, and Eli

Adjourned at 1:11pm