Minutes of UUCSF Council Meeting

May 13, 2021

(Board comments are in *italics*; action items are in ***bold italics***)

People Attending[[1]](#footnote-1):

Michael Daly

Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson

Ingrid Krinke

Pamela Greinke

John Andrews

Carol Holstein

David Holstein

Tip Brolin

Linda Engbrenghof

Patience Halsey-Sherman

Gerry Boyer

Sue Penny

Mark Potter

Martha Potter

Agenda:

**Committee Reports**

Committee on Shared Ministry – *David reported on work on internal UUCSF communications that the committee is doing. They will have a report in the near future with their conclusions.*

Finance Committee – *John noted his thanks to those who have worked on the budgeting process. Now the Board has the budget for action. The main upcoming discussion item for the Committee is fund-raising for the next 5 years, which is critical to the long-term financial health of the Congregation.*

*A proposal has been made by the Investment Advisory Committee to disband itself.* ***This will be discussed at a future Board meeting.***

Stewardship – *David and John noted the large effort put in on this year’s pledge drive and that pledges are up. Legacy giving is also being discussed with members. They noted that some people are financially challenged this year.*

Worship and Music – *Rev. Kimberly reported on the Committee’s annual retreat/work session. They discussed the technical aspects of conducting hybrid services and next year’s worship services, including guest speakers.*

Care & Connection – *Carol reported on what had been done this year, including the very successful Passover Sader. They will be contacting long term friends of the Congregation who might want to become members. The Committee has sent a proposal to the Board that the Congregation sponsor a small, informal outdoor gathering on May 21, weather permitting. This would be particularly good for those who don’t use Zoom. She expects about ½ dozen people.*

Faith Formation – *John reported on the twice/month sessions that this group has sponsored. These sessions have concentrated on subjects that require more discussion time than is available during the after-service coffee hour.*

Nominating – *Rev. Kimberly reported that the Committee has nominated Patience Sherman for the Board to replace Michael, whose term expires this year. The Finance and B&G chairs are willing to stay in their current positions.*

*A question arose as to who nominates the Board officers and how they are elected. The bylaws may have to be clarified on this.* ***It will be discussed at the next Board meeting.***

Social Justice – *Pam reported on future activities. She noted that due to lack of resources the Committee only has the capacity to work on one issue at a time. They will focus on food justice.*

*Carol reported on recent Helping Hand Fund contributions and that the garden has been started (kudos to many; great job). Michael reported on the success of our year-old free pantry. Many appear to be utilizing it.*

HICO/PAC – *David reported on the status of HICO activities and that the HICO/PAC now has a 4th member (Celia Josephson). Applications for the next HICO cycle are due on May 25. They are focusing on some categories that were passed over last year. They have received good publicity through an interview on WLIW and an article in “UU World.” Next cycle financial target is $30-35,000.*

*HICO now has a separate bank account for accepting HICO contributions. Contributions may be made directly using PayPal. They are now periodically reporting their awardees’ progress in the bulletin’s “HICO corner.”*

Building & Grounds – *Gerry reported that his priorities are to keep up the building and grounds outside appearance and functionality and to reduce expenditures. He noted that he can do most work himself instead of subcontracting it.*

*Projects that are now complete include:*

*Installing air scrubbers and MERV 13 filters. This will improve inside air quality significantly and reduce the risk of Covid when the system fans are running continuously (as they are downstairs).*

*Garden installation, including two garden fences. The dual fences keep the deer out and help to hide the garden in the Fall, when it is less attractive.*

*Elevator is fixed (Yea!!). The power supply was the problem. He replaced it after much work with the elevator designer and builder. The elevator now appears to work reliably.*

*Future projects include cleaning out the lower garden, solving the driveway drainage problem and attacking the poor acoustics in the Sanctuary.*

Art – *Ingrid reported. No new developments. Same art as before. Michael believes the art in the Meeting House is too “heavy.”* ***That will be discussed further with the Art Committee.***

**Topics for discussion**

Re-opening Plan – *Pam presented the Committee’s proposal. There was extensive discussion.*

*Pam noted that »several people had expressed the hope to open for service in September, depending on changes up or down of the metrics.*

*It was agreed that we could rent the building as of a date to be determined between June 1 and June 15.*

***Tip will see if NYS makes it the landlord’s responsibility to keep required records of tenant visitors, take temperatures, etc.***

***Ingrid will check our insurance company to see if our insurance covers us for any liability as regards people getting Covid while on our property. She will have a lawyer look at our standard rental contract.***

General Assembly (Delegates) **– *Linda and Michael will attend GA. Linda will be a delegate. Michael will be the other delegate unless either Carol or David want to be a delegate.***

The meeting was adjourned at 2105.

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1. Via Zoom [↑](#footnote-ref-1)