

UUCSF Board Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2022

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

People Present

Linda Engbrenghof
Ingrid Krinke
Tip Brolin
Gerry Boyer

Patience Halsey-Sherman
David Holstein
Kathy Engel

Consent Agenda

Monthly Financial Report-Jan 2022
Final meeting minutes-Jan 2022

The consent agenda was approved unanimously.

Discussion Agenda

Children's RE—Linda noted that discussions are still in progress with two potential RE teachers from the congregation. She proposed that when these discussions are completed that she make a proposal on this subject and, to save time, get a board decision via email. *The board agreed with this proposal.*

Sanctuary Sound Dampening Project – Gerry noted that the sanctuary has been plagued with sound reverberations since the meeting house was initially opened. The reverberations are caused by sound waves bouncing off the highly reflective flat, hard floor and wall surfaces. This makes it difficult for many to understand the speaker.

Gerry proposed the following solution, which basically involves adding sound-absorbent materials to the Sanctuary:

- The rugs that we have used periodically should be kept down permanently. If a renter needs to remove them, e.g., for a dance class, they should replace the rugs at the end of their session. ***Ingrid will inform the renters of this requirement.***
- We should add 2” thick rectangular sound absorption panels on the west and east walls. He described the panels and has placed an exhibit, with potential colors, in the Sanctuary for the Board to view. Board members are encouraged to visit it. The key decision at this point is the color to select. We should make our preferences known to Jerry, who will make the recommendation to the Board. ***Gerry will also solicit input from the arts committee (Hilary Helfant) on this.***
- The estimated material cost for the panels is \$2500. They would be installed with volunteer help from the congregation.
- If the panels do not solve the reverberation problem, the next step would be to add curtains.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Prepared by: Tip Brolin