

Harrisonburg Unitarian Universalists Board of Directors Meeting

March 13, 2022

1 – Greeting/Welcome/Reading/Check In

We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope. – The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King

2 – Board Organizational Issues

Members Present: Jo Anne St. Clair, Moderator; Rich Sider, Treasurer; Irvin Peckham, Secretary; Jo Bowman; Linda Dirscherl; Nancy Barbour

Next Meeting – April 10, 2022

3 – Key Long-Term Issues

- Returning to the HUU Building for Hybrid Services
Presentation - Sarah Cheverton & Sue Ganey

Basically, hybrid. Sarah: we need to have it working smoothly before we implement it.

Looking for technologies that will work for a variety of HUU activities. We want to have two-way audio and visual.

Sarah and Sue's presentation brought a few questions to mind: How big are the tv screens that will be mounted on the walls? Will the podium need to accommodate extra technical equipment? Will lighting need to be changed, drapes to be darkened?

Make certain that both in person and remote will be equally active.

Discussion of physical organization of system. Total cost estimate: \$4750-\$5000.

First hybrid: Test it March 27?; Mid-may goal for completion.

- Board Member and Committee Recruitment Leadership Discussion - All
1-2 Board positions to be filled.

Worship Committee: For last several years, the Worship Committee, by mutual agreement, has been operating collectively, with no one person being the chair. Nancy has been organizing it ad hoc. There are currently three members (Merle, Barkley, and a new member, Lee Anna). They need at least two more people and an organization that makes it more collaborative.

Rich suggests that Jo Anne should meet with the Worship Committee.

Nancy thinks there should be a more frequent turn-over. She served for at least 6 years.

Linda suggested Martha Faw might be interested in joining.

Speakers are lined up until the end of April.

Jo Anne will meet with WC to get feedback on how we should proceed.

Board suggests we need two more members there.

Nancy noted that the Committee will have to consider coordinating with Sarah and Sue on when we will go hybrid.

Caring circle. Barbara is no longer chair.

Rich suggests we need to have Jo Anne talk to the committee in the same way as with the Worship Committee.

Board Recruitment: We need to find out whether anyone is interested in joining.

4 - Key Short – Term Issues

- Landscaping Report/Memorial Plaques - Linda
Cathy, Grayson, and Charlie met to discuss previous plan: Redbud in front of back wall; cherry laurels along the fence in front of HVAC. All to form an arc from the back step to the corner of the RE building. Get estimate from Jim Schreckhise.

Plaque issue seems to be on hold. Decisions on plaques for what previous members?

- Follow – up on Faith in Action Core Team/Listening Groups - Jo Anne/All
We are not getting any interest in other people joining this group. (the Core team; organizing the listening activity). Nancy expressed her interest in joining the team.

5 – Minutes/Reports

- February Financial Report - - Rich
We're in good shape.
- Request from Cathy Strickler for HUU to contribute to the UUSC for Ukrainian Relief - Jo Anne

We have just donated \$1000.00 from our congregation. People can be invited to send in additional personal contributions. Send checks to HUU with memo on what it's for. Ukraine relief in the memo line. Rich will send out an email with suggested timeline.

- Stewardship Campaign Kick – Off March 20, 2022 Update - Rich
Kickoff for next Sunday. Rich suggests that we need to consider any new directions as we come out of the pandemic.

Rich thinks leadership in the congregation is dwindling; we need to consider leadership issues.

6 – Other Business ?

Solar is virtually completed.

7 - Adjourn

Irvin moved to adjourn 8:38

Respectfully Submitted, March 19, 2022

Irvin Peckham, Secretary