

Harrisonburg Unitarian Universalists Board of Directors

June 2, 2024

1) Greeting/Welcome/Check-in

Reading: “I have only to break into the tightness of a strawberry, and I see summer – its dust and lowering skies.” — Toni Morrison

Approval of minutes - Approved

2) Board Organizational Issues

a) Members present: Nancy Barbour, Moderator; Rich Sider, Treasurer; Irvin Peckham, Secretary; JoAnna Hoover ; Bill Weech

b.) Next Meeting – July 7, 2024 Tentative date, depending on member who can be present and if we have need

4) Short-term Issues:

a. UUA General Assembly –

We will credential both Merle and Nancy: (June 20-23)

b. International Festival –

We discussed contributing \$1000, the lowest amount possible. We decided not to donate this year.

c. Review of Annual Meeting –

i. Approval of Rev. Onnie’s contract

Question of whether Rev Onnie providing a service once a month would be in the congregations’ interest. General feeling of Board was that once a month would be appropriate with note that we could evaluate this structure after the first year.

Irvin moved for approval of the contract; Bill seconded. Motion carried.

ii. Rich suggested a meeting of the Board and the Shared Ministry Team (SMT) to review roles and expectations. The Board agreed to this suggestion. Bill offered to host it with a dinner.

iii. A question had been raised about whether the Team should be called something other than the SMT. This can be part of the discussion at the joint meeting.

d. Progress with the three actions ahead

i. Create and empower a Shared Ministry Team – We discussed adding a fourth member from the congregation. Though we agree with the idea, we decided again to let the Shared Ministry group take up this question once they become operational.

e. Feedback from Kim: Have we made any progress with these concerns?

Nancy will check in with Kim and Sandy on the issues raised.

f. Curriculum on Christian Nationalism (forwarded from Rev. Onnie)

Rich reported that he had emailed Bill Faw to ask whether he would be interested in constructing such a curriculum but has received no response.

5) Long term issues:

a. Next steps with other goals

We will review the goals again in the fall to check progress and consider next steps.

Adjourned: 1:20

Respectfully submitted,

Irvin Peckham, Secretary June 2, 2024