

St. John's Unitarian Universalist Special Congregational Meeting Minutes  
June 7, 2020 11AM via Zoom due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Board Members Presiding: : Matthew Cowperthwait, President; David Roth, Immediate Past-President (Zoom Host);  
Members' count: 61 signed in accounts (53 required for quorum)  
Parliamentarian: Bill Gordon

All meeting reference materials: <https://stjohnsuu.org/congregational-meeting-information/>

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion/Action</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Made by: 2<sup>nd</sup> by:</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Reading and opening Comments	11:05 power point presentation and housekeeping for zoom voting			
Verify Quorum	Verified quorum 61 signed in accounts			
Prior Meeting Minutes	Review 2019 Annual Meeting minutes for approval	Motion to approve minutes	Alicia Rosselot; Howard Tolley	unanimous consent
Prior Meeting Minutes	Review April 19, 2020 Special Congregational meeting for approval	Motion to approve minutes	Howard Tolley; Erna Olafson	unanimous consent
Election of Officers	discussion of election of new officers, and clarification that President is on the ballot this year, due to appointment rather than election in 2019-20 church year.	Motion to approve the slate of candidates	Rick Prairie; Robert Fawley	
	Due to a technical difficulty with poll in zoom, discussion of voting by unanimous consent for the slate of candidates	Motion to approve slate of candidates by unanimous consent	Melissa Rowland; Lyn O'Brien	unanimous consent
Budget Review and Proposals	Review of Budget for 2019-20 and proposed budget for 2020-21, discussion of budget formulation process, including members input, input from Personnel Committee. Review of funds in accounts, impact of COVID-19 on expenditures this year, and proposal for next year. Discussion of Payroll Protection Program PPP and impact on this year and next year budgets. Review of capital concerns, outlined in PPT presentation. Discussion, questions from congregation, including forgiveness procedure for PPP, availability of budget documents. minister's discretionary fund.	Motion to approve the 2020-21 budget as presented	Edie Holder; Joetta Prost	70-yea 0-nay 0-abstain
First Bylaws Change	Bylaws Article XI Sec. 5 Absentee Ballots			

	<p>Review of the proposal as presented and approved by Bylaws committee and Board.</p> <p>Discussion of fact-based terms and conditions, rationale and process for changing the bylaw, to allow absentee ballots to count for all church votes at the annual meeting, not just election of officers.</p> <p>Discussion of definition of the term “substantial” and that the parliamentarian will make judgment of whether it is substantial change that may preclude absentee ballot from counting.</p> <p>Discussion of board-appointed parliamentarian position, and whether amendment is needed to clarify that the parliamentarian will determine if any change to a proposal is substantial</p>	<p>Motion to amend the proposal to say “...as determined by the board-appointed parliamentarian...”</p>	<p>Joetta Prost; Melissa Rowland</p>	<p>36-yea 25-nay 5-abstain</p>
		<p>Motion to approve the proposal as amended</p>	<p>Claire Wagner; Judy Strong</p>	<p>59-yea 0-nay 1-abstain</p>
<p>Second Bylaws Change</p>	<p>Bylaws Article XIII Sec. 7 Minister’s Membership on Committees</p> <p>Discussion of need to change the bylaw language due to the new names of committees as approved last year, and also due to changed nature of the Safe Congregation Committee, replacing COACH. Discussion of UUA policies on destructive behavior, congregational harmony, congregational safety and security.</p>	<p>Motion to approve this proposal</p>	<p>John Kachuba; Joetta Prost</p>	<p>54-yea 0-nay 1-abstain</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>12:37</p>			<p>unanimous</p>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Monica Pellman, Secretary