

St. John's Unitarian Universalist Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2021 at 11:45 via Zoom due to COVID

Board Members Presiding: Edie Holder, President; Matt Cowperthwait, Immediate past president and leader of the Master Plan team
Zoom Host: David Roth
Parliamentarian: Bill Gordon
Members' Count: 68 (52 needed for quorum)

Topic	Discussion/Action	Motion	Made by: 2nd by:	Vote
Reading and opening comments	Rise up, oh flame, By thy light glowing, Show to us beauty, vision, and joy. Edie welcomed everyone and went through the agenda and instructions for voting.			
Verify Quorum	Nancy verified quorum (52) with 68 members present			
Minutes from 2020 Annual meeting	No discussion or questions	Motion to approve 2020 Annual Congregational meeting minutes by unanimous consent	Lyn O'Brien Mike Johnson	Unanimous
Update on Church and COVID	A few members are welcome to attend services in the sanctuary in June on Sundays. Edie presented the formal plan for starting in-person services on July 11, with masking required indoors, distancing, social hour outside, BYO drinks. See the website for additional protocol to keep us safe and comfortable with each other. We will continue to monitor science guidelines and the comfort level of our congregation. Edie's prime message is that our opening is "in progress." Meg asked about choir and hiring a new choir director. Money has been budgeted for a new director in the fall.			
Update on Master Plan	Matt reviewed the Master Plan from 2017, when the original team was formed, through the architectural plan presented by Childress and Cunningham, and its approval by the congregation as a GUIDE for future development, and onto the visit from Rachel Maxwell of Stewardship for Us			

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	<p>in October 2019. Active planning stopped after February 2020 due to the amount of time needed to consider issues re COVID. However, a new team was formed in January 2021 and meets twice monthly. The team is concentrating on the many details associated with planning such a big project, including funding, existing maintenance issues, and general education involved in establishing a framework for moving forward. No major decisions have been made. This summer there will be opportunities for the congregation to enter the conversation. Rachel Maxwell will be hired to do a Financial Feasibility Study, probably in the fall of 2021. The Board has been working to estimate costs that might be involved, but our sanctuary is so unusual that estimates are difficult. In addition to the summer input sessions, the Team welcomes additional team members.</p> <p>Carol asked if we are keeping up with needed repairs. We reviewed many of those items and noted that they are paid for mostly by endowment funds.</p> <p>Nat asked about input sessions, which will begin in July.</p> <p>Bill Gordon suggested that the Master Plan documents be posted to the website</p>			
Election of Board Trustees	No discussion or questions	Motion to approve the slate of candidates by unanimous consent	Alicia Rossetot Pat Brown	Unanimous
Budget	<p>The 2020-21 Operating Budget included a potential ~\$8000 deficit, but we now anticipate a surplus.</p> <p>The PPP loan that supported our staff in 2019-2020 was officially forgiven. While pledges are down for 2021-2022, rentals are resuming, and the proposed budget can, if necessary be balanced by using cash reserves, which are healthy.</p> <p>Budget details are available on the Meeting's slide presentation, which has been posted to the website.</p> <p>Meg asked if we are planning an auction - yes.</p> <p>Pete Asman asked about the payment for capital items - which comes mostly from endowment funds, not from the operating budget.</p>	Motion to adopt the budget as presented	Pat Brown Erna Olafson	Unanimous

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Adjourn	1:20	Adjourn	Mary Darner, Rich Overturf	Unanimous

Unapproved minutes,
Nancy Henry