

St. John's Unitarian Universalist Special Congregational Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2022 at 320 Resor and online

Board President presiding: Kathy Shell

Parliamentarian: Claire Wagner

Member count: 60 in person, 14 online, 10 absentee votes for a total of 84 people toward a quorum of 52

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion/Action</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Made by: 2<sup>nd</sup> by:</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Call to order	at 12:25 pm			
Opening Comments	Kathy reminded us that the sanctuary was built in 1960 and has had no professional care since then. In order to proceed with any remodeling, the sanctuary restoration should be done first.			
Quorum	Verified Quorum			
First question on the ballot	There was much discussion concerning moving forward with restoration. A person asked the hard questions of whether this is the church we want to leave to our children and grandchildren / would we choose the same sort of sanctuary today? Many congregants spoke to the importance of our mid century modern design that is acknowledged in architecture design books, to the years that various boards have been working to correct the neglect, to how the iconic front of the church attracts people, and that we need to repair, restore, and maintain our beautiful building.	Motion that "I am in favor of beginning the restoration of the sanctuary exterior as soon as possible."	Judy S Sally L	Ayes of those present - 72 Nay - 1 Absentee votes - all in favor
Second question on the ballot	Chris Wagner as Treasurer spoke to our finances to explain the need for a line of credit or a bridge loan to get us to the capital campaign or some other form of income to erase the amount we might borrow. Some other means of future payment were mentioned, but it was pointed out that those can still be investigated while we borrow money to get the project started. There was also much discussion on the wording on the ballot - facade, envelope, exterior, wall, restoration, renovation - until the wording of the following motion was approved.	Motion that "I authorize the board of trustees to obtain a loan up to \$300,000 and/or a line of credit to serve as a bridge to cover sanctuary restoration costs in advance of a capital campaign anticipated to begin later this year.	David M David T	Ayes - 71 Nay -2 Absentee votes - all in favor
Adjournment	at 1:33 pm	Motion to adjourn	Connie M Sally L	Unanimous

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Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Henry