

St. John's Unitarian Universalist Special Congregational Meeting Minutes
 April 19, 2020 11AM remote due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Board Members Presiding: : Matthew Cowperthwait, President; David Roth, Immediate Past-President;
 Members' count: 66 signed-in voting members
 Parliamentarian: Bill Gordon

| Topic | Discussion/Action | Motion | Made by: 2 nd by: | Vote |
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| Reading and opening | 11:05 AM | | | |
| Opening Comments | <p>Matthew and David welcomed members to the online format, required due to the COVID-19 quarantine and shut-down. The purpose of the special meeting is for St. John's to consider funding made available by the US Small Business Administration SBA to help organizations deal with economic effects of the COVID-19 shut-down. This loan would potentially exceed the amount of further financial obligation that the board may incur without congregational approval, as per our Bylaws (Art IX Sec 4).</p> <p>Matthew reviewed meeting format, procedures for online comments, other considerations for video conferencing. Clarified how voting will occur online, and our overall agreement that everyone will work to ensure Robert's Rules spirit and intent, in that everyone is heard, and the process is fair.</p> | | | |
| Quorum | Verified quorum | | | |
| Review of Payroll Protection Plan | Matthew walked members through the powerpoint, now available at Member's Corner of the website, describing the Payroll Protection Program PPP, how it is managed by SBA, application process, what it can be used for, terms of the program. Discussion of the first round of funding exhausted, and likelihood that another round would be available. Applying now helps St. John's in the event this new funding occurs. | | | |
| Additional Discussion | Matthew continued with discussion of St. John's current financial position, considering drop in plate income, rentals and possibly pledges. Discussion of board's commitment to keep staff employed, and discussion of reserve funds (endowment) to help through emergency times, and how or if to use the endowment. | | | |

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| Additional Discussion | members' questions continued, to clarify the facts and terms of the PPP, discuss our financial position overall, UUA position in support of UU churches applying for the program. | | | |
| | End of discussion of facts and terms. | Motion to accept the Board's recommendation to move forward with the Payroll Protection Program | Melissa Rowland, David Roth | |
| | Amended Motion | Motion to accept the Board's recommendation to move forward with the Payroll Protection Program, for the maximum amount permissible by law, not to exceed \$65,000 | Bill Gordon, Joetta Prost | |
| | Discussion continued, and members spoke for and against the motion. Discussion of concerns for separation of church and state, discussion of equal protections clause, discussion of the uncertainty of how long until we return to normal church operations and how this will affect our financial position. | | | |
| | Motion to call the question. Online voting began, (more than one member at a single sign-in location voted in the chat function). Voice vote taken for members on the phone. | | David Roth, Melissa Rowland | 64 in favor 2 opposed |
| Adjourn | 12:10 PM | Adjourn | David Roth, Monica Pellman | unanimous |

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Pellman, Secretary