

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Jackson
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, May 18, 2021**

Attendance

Past President: Eric Saulters-Wood
President: Stacy Callender
Secretary: David Morgan
Trustee: Bob Keller
Trustee: Patricia Ice
Quorum Reached

Justin McCreary, Minister

Others present: Esther Newell

Agenda

1. Opening Reading and Chalice Lighting
2. Covenant
3. Check-In
4. Approval of Reports
5. New Business Annual Priorities Update
 - A. Changing Our World committee
 - B. Congregational Meeting Agenda
 - C. GA Delegates
6. Annual Priorities Update
 - A. Internal & External Communication
 - B. Engage Members & Develop Leaders
 - C. Establish Infrastructure & Process
7. Process Observer Report Out
8. Extinguish the Chalice
9. Set Next Meeting

Opening Reading and Chalice Lighting

The chalice was lit at 6:50 p.m., beginning the meeting. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, members met using the Zoom video conferencing app.

Minutes, Treasurer Report; Minister's Report; Ministry Teams, Advisory Councils, and Task Forces Reports

Eric Wood motioned to approve the April 20, 2021 board meeting minutes as presented. Patricia Ice seconded. All members approved.

New Business

A. Changing Our World committee: Esther Newell reported on the COW group. They are finding a cooperative model for sustainability.

B. Congregational Meeting Agenda: COVID has hampered the church's leadership development and the organization of the church. Eric Wood wants to address leadership development at the Congregational Meeting. Bob Keller is the 2nd Trustee. Patricia Ice is the 1st Trustee. President Elect, Treasurer, and 1st Trustee positions are renewing, but Patricia agreed to stay in office for another year. Calm Council is rolling over. One appointment to the MRC is needed to replace Jill Morgan. The Leadership Development Council has one vacancy (current members are Eric, Jill and Joe Clayton). The Congregational Meeting will feature a ministry team break out session again. The congregation will vote for freezing the existing board positions for one year.

Traditionally, the LDC would develop a slate of potential leaders before the election. As of now, nothing has been done. The congregation will need to vote to suspend rules to allow for online voting at the meeting. David Morgan motioned to accept the Congregational Meeting agenda. Eric seconded the motion. All members approved.

C. GA Delegates: Our congregation is given two delegates to the GA. Religious Professionals are automatically voting delegates. Delegates are registered to vote. Last year, Patricia and Jim Becker were delegates. The board will find delegates for the GA. David motioned to accept. Bob Keller seconded. All members approved.

Annual Priorities Update.

A. Internal & External Communication: Stacy has signed up for a service called Flock Base. It is a comprehensive church management software that runs the financial, communication, membership, and more for a congregation. It keeps track and allows communication for groups within churches, like the board and teams. It also tracks member tithing and contributions, and set aside accounts. Eric motioned to approve. David seconded the motion. All members approved.

B. Engage Members & Develop Leaders: Discussion on this topic already occurred during the Congregation Meeting agenda item.

C. Establish Infrastructure & Process: The integration of Flock Base will cover most of the infrastructure goals for the board.

Extinguish the Chalice

The chalice was extinguished at 08:33 pm. The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2021.