

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Jackson  
Summer 2021 Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, June 06, 2020**

**Agenda**

1. Opening Reading and Chalice Lighting
2. Call to Order and Establishing Quorum
3. Unitarian Universalist Principles
4. Minutes
5. Minister Report
6. President Report
7. Business
8. Ministry Team Meetings
9. Closing
10. Extinguish the Chalice
11. Set Next Meeting

**Congregation Members in Attendance:**

Ranjan Batra  
Jim Snowdancer Becker  
Stacy Callender  
Amy Craig  
Joe Clayton  
Katie Coates  
Lisa Dunn  
Bob Keller,  
Natalie Maynor  
Maureen McGuire  
Evelyn Moore  
Patrick Moore  
Esther Newell  
Ray Shenefelt  
Dary Shenefelt  
Eric Wood

**Call to Order and Establishing Quorum**

The chalice was lit and the meeting called to order at 12:05 PM. Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the meeting was held virtually over the Zoom video conferencing platform. Sixteen congregation members were in attendance. This met the necessary quorum of 30% or more of active members in good standing required to vote on church business.

**Minutes**

The reading of minutes from the Winter 2020 meeting was delayed until the Winter 2021 congregational meeting when they will be entered into the record along with the Summer 2021 minutes.

**Minister Report**

Rev. Justin McCreary waived the reading of his report for time's sake.

**President Report**

Stacy Callender reported on the board's priorities for 2020-2021: Establish Processes and Infrastructure, Improve Internal and External Communication, and Engage Members and Develop Leaders. She briefly surveyed the progress made on those goals during the year. Work was done on the policy and procedure handbook. The Board selected Flockbase as the new church management software/website to help with internal communications and financial bookkeeping. The pandemic has made member engagement difficult, but the CAREring has sent cards out to members.

For 2021-22, the board priorities are: To resume in-person services, to be accessible, and to foster connection; To widen the circle, focusing on the inclusion of BIPOC, LGBTQ, and those with disabilities; and To improve and use our facilities and grounds to engage with the broader community.

### **Ministry Teams, Advisory Councils, and Task Forces Reports**

**The Calm Council** – No members of the council were in attendance. Snowdancer, who has worked closely with the council, said they did a great job.

**Ministerial Relations Council** - Snowdancer, a member of the MRC, reported that Jill Morgan, chair of the council (out of town during the meeting), emphasized the drafting of a MRC policies and procedures, the development with Rev. Justin McCreary of the minister's annual contract, and a minister evaluation required by the UUA as part of Rev. McCreary's career development.

### **Financial Report**

Stacy presented an overview of the church financial numbers based on information provided by Ranjan Batra, who is in charge of bookkeeping. In the first quarter of 2021, actual pledges were at 62% of the projected amount. Fundraising and rental proceeds are also down.

On the plus side, deposits from the lease/purchase of the State Street property are continuing to come in monthly, and expenses are also below projected amounts. There's also been an \$8000 increase in the Schwab stock account. The deposit of checks into the bank account are behind due to the absence of a treasurer.

The report doesn't reflect the transfer of the lease/purchase payments into a restricted fund used solely for building renovations. Stacy will contact Ranjan about correcting that.

### **Business**

Leadership Development Council lead, Eric Wood, gave a presentation on the leadership structure of the church. The board currently needs a president-elect, a treasurer, a first trustee. The CALM council needs three members. The Leadership Development Council needs two members.

The LDC suggested that the board membership stay in place for another year due to unusual circumstances of the pandemic. Stacy would remain as President, Eric as Past-President, David Morgan as Secretary, Bob Keller as First Trustee, and Patricia Ice as Second Trustee for another year. Eric motioned to bring this to a congregational vote. Ray Shenefelt seconded the motion. All present approved and the motion carried.

The next issue was to fill the vacant offices of President-Elect and Treasurer. Katie Coates volunteered for President-Elect. Ray Shenefelt volunteered for the Treasurer. Since Ray has limited mobility, Natalie Maynor agreed to be courier to assist with transporting checks and papers. Ranjan agreed to continue his role as bookkeeper. All present approved Katie as President-Elect and Ray as Treasurer.

Judy Williams and Lisa Kersen agreed to continue on the CALM council. Snowdancer volunteered to fill the vacant position. Eric moved to accept the proposed lineup. Ray Shenefelt seconded. All approved.

The Leadership Development Council needs one new member and another to fill a partial term. Jill Morgan and Joe Clayton are the two members serving terms. Eric wasn't sure which was rolling off. Joe asked to be the member replaced due to health problems. No volunteers came forth for these roles.

### **Ministry Teams Breakout**

Members still remaining on the call divided into break-out rooms based their preferences or membership in the various church tasks forces and committees. The groups were assigned to select a chairperson and a method of communication.

### **Extinguish the Chalice**

The chalice was extinguished at 1:26 PM, ending the meeting.