

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura
Board of Trustees Minutes for Zoom Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Present: Jim Merrill, Xenia Young, Gudrun Eastham, Ray Escobedo, Sandy Atkins, Cassie Tondro, Rev. Dana (ex-officio), guest: Celia Ortenberg on behalf of proposed aesthetics ministry, Don Henniger, prospective board member

1. Appointment of Don Henniger to complete Rebeca's Member-at-Large Term
 - a. M/S/C to appoint Don Henniger to the unexpired portion of Rebeca Fassett's term. (Xenia/Gudrun) Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0
2. Proposal from Ad Hoc Aesthetics Team - Aesthetics Ministry, Celia Ortenberg
 - a. A written proposal was submitted in advance of the board meeting.
 - b. Discussion centered on potential sources of funds to implement an aesthetics plan. The board expressed its support for the aesthetics ministry team and its proposed work and structure.
3. Consent Items included the Minutes of August 18, 2022
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. The written report was reviewed, with questions about pledge income.
 - b. The request for a policy on capitalization was referred back to the finance committee for a proposal.
 - c. Rev. Dana expressed her delight at the new leadership of the finance committee.
5. Ratify Board Poll related to a \$50,000 CD at Premier America Credit Union
 - a. M/S/C to ratify the email poll of the board and authorize Bryan A. Buck and David M. Smith to open an account with Premier America Credit Union and to represent the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura as authorized signers with Premier America Credit Union. (Ray/Cassie). Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0
6. New Business:
 - A. Memorandum of Understanding (Letter of Agreement) between UUCV and the Rev. Carolyn Price to serve as Contract Minister October 18, 2022, to March 17, 2023, one-quarter time: (Sandy/Gudrun) Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 1
 - B. Oversight Process for Building Use/Grounds Use, Adaptable to Changing COVID-19 Conditions
 - 1) Who recommends, how frequently?
 - a. Health and Safety Team to make recommendations to the board, but to-date they only deal with the sanctuary. Jim will ask the H&S team to make recommendations about Berg Hall, sanctuary and all areas of campus
 - (2) Inquiry about Using Berg Hall for Craft Fair November 12-13
 - a. Decision about the craft fair tabled until next meeting or via email if the Health and Safety team makes a recommendation.

C. Coordinating a Year of Listening and Learning Activities

- a. Discussion delayed. Jim brought up some ideas that have come out from a number of people. Books, discussion guides, a group to be a clearinghouse, etc.

7. Minister's Report

- a. RE advisory group – Jim & Krista, October 2 will kick off with BBQ.
- b. Rev. Dana has a recruit for a coordinating committee related to the issue of patriarchy. Melissa James, UUA staff, will meet with Rev. Dana & Jim about the situation.