

April 20, 2023 UUCV Board Meeting 6:30 PM via Zoom

Present: Jim Merrill, Xenia Young, Don Henniger, Cassie Tondro, Sandy Atkins, Gudrun Eastham, Ray Escobedo Guests: Lily Rappaport, Acting Director of Family Ministry; Health and Safety Ministry Team Members Yukio Okano, Bryan Buck, Michael Akseven

Consent Items: MSP (Don/Ray) Unanimous to approve the consent items presented, including the minutes from the March 16, 2023, Board Meeting and Financial Statements.

Though not part of the Consent Agenda, the Board did receive a comprehensive report from Lily on activities within the RE/Family Ministry Program.

Recommendation from Health and Safety Ministry Team: Team Chair Yukio Okano and members Bryan Buck and Michael Akseven presented the history and rationale behind the proposal to erect a fence along the eastern edge of the church property along the bike/walking path. Following discussion of funding options and implications, the Board approved the following motion: (Don/Cassie (or Xenia?), Approved 6-1-0)

- Approve the recommendation of the HSMT to establish a fence subject to the approval of the congregation for a capital campaign to cover the cost and an exemption from the 2% Bylaws spending limit.

2023-24 Covenant Groups: The previous coordinators of the Covenant Group program are stepping back. **Don** agreed to reach out to other leadership within Covenant Groups to ensure that we can keep this program in place.

New Charter Policies: Board Charter Policies for the Publicity Team and the Aesthetics Ministry Team were approved and will become part of the Board Policy Handbook. (Don/Cassie, Unanimous). Suggestions for refinement to the Charter Policy Template regarding fiscal responsibility were noted, as was a typo/terminology correction to be addressed.

Treasurer's report:

- Pledge commitments are lagging; budget development, therefore, is challenging. The Board discussed following up with missing pledgers, including a sensitive approach and acknowledging that some pastoral element may be involved.
- The Congregational Conversation on the proposed budget status will occur after service, May 21, led by Sandy. Depending on the success of the follow-up drive, a special Board meeting may be needed prior to the Annual Meeting.