

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
6:30 PM, May 17, 2022
MINUTES
Held via Zoom

The following documents were included in the Board packet prior to the meeting:

[Draft Minutes from April 19, 2022, Board Meeting](#)
[Finance & Operations Report to UUSF Board on May 17, 2022](#)

Millie Phillips

- [Letter to the Board re Affiliation;](#)
- [Policy on Affiliation of Community Ministers with the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco; and](#)
- [Covenant of Affirmation.](#)

[Alyson Jacks May 2022 Board Report](#)
[UUSF Worship Attendance May 2022](#)
[Joe Chapot Board Report May 2022](#)

Members present

Scott Benbow, acting as Moderator for this meeting

Liz Strand

Carrie Steere-Salazar, note taker for this meeting

Greg Biggs

Linda Enger

Amy Kelly

Lori Lai

Members excused

Rochelle Fortier, Moderator

Jonah Berquist, Vice-Moderator

Staff

Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

Alyson Jacks, Associate Minister

Laura Ludwig, Director of Operations

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING

A quorum being established, Scott Benbow called the meeting to order and lit a chalice

Opening Words were offered by Alyson and there was a brief check-in. Note that this is Alyson' final Board meeting

FEEDBACK FROM BOARD MEMBERS

CONGREGATION OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Amy asked who is assigning GA delegates, which is a Board function.

Linda mentioned that the June meeting will be a joint meeting with the Hinckley Board

Laura asked how agenda items are decided and whether there should be a set deadline for requesting items be placed on the agenda

AGENDA REVIEW

The agenda was reviewed and nothing was added or changed

CONSENT AGENDA

The April minutes were approved without comment

REPORTS

Finance & Operations

Laura announced that, while the auditor has not yet submitted the draft report, he is prepared to present at the June meeting.

There is a bequest from Liz Cormier, but the Board does not need to take any action, as 100% of the bequest will be placed into operating reserves, per our Bylaws.

The auction is postponed until the next fiscal year (is scheduled for the fall). We expected the auction to add \$35,000 to this year's budget. Due to donations that were larger than expected, the overall revenue did not take much of a hit. We will still end 2021-22 with a surplus.

Current pledge drive is doing well. Pledges are over the target and there are still about 25 households who have not pledged.

Howard Oringer will make a presentation about our investments at the June meeting

The Montessori rental agreement ends in a few years. We need to hold this as an agenda item for discussion at a future meeting.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Vanessa reported that she is going to be taking a planned-for sabbatical and is looking at taking some of that during the summer

This is Alyson's final report (included in packet). Alyson thanked Linda and Amy for being present at invitation to membership meetings.

Alyson also reported that the All-church retreat, canceled the last two years due to COVID is at 80 participants right now and more reservations are expected.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordination of Meg McGuire

Linda moved to ordain Meg McGuire. Meg had requested our church be the ordaining congregation.

Carrie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to ordain Meg.

Affiliate Ministry for Millie Phillips

Amy moved to approve the affiliate ministry for Millie. Linda seconded it. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Anne Dillon Award

The Anne Dillon award needs to be decided (will be announced at the Annual Meeting). A discussion of candidates ensued. Carrie made a motion to approve two Anne Dillon awards and Amy seconded it. Scott will order the plaques and Vanessa and Jonathan will write up language for the two awardees.

Pro-choice/reproduction freedom

The church official stance is a congregational decision. Lori explained the process of becoming a “reproductive congregation.” UUSF would need to adopt three principles, which LOri will provide. Members of the Womens’ Rights Group will be trained first and then educate the congregation.

UPCOMING DATES

Membership Budget Meeting	May 22, 2022
All- church retreat	May 31-June 1
Membership Annual Meeting	June 6, 2022
Alyson’s going-away party	June 11, 2022
Board Retreat	September 16 - 17, 2022

GOOD AND WELFARE (Linda will send cards)

Jeanne Orjas is going into the hospital

This is the final meeting for Gregg

This is the final meeting for Carrie

CLOSING

Vanessa read a closing about voting from Lynn Unger

ADJOURNMENT

Carris motioned the meeting to be concluded. Amy seconded it. Vote was unanimous and the meeting was called to a close at 8:12 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Deadline for inclusion of materials in Board Packet: Friday, June 17, 2022

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