

UUCC Board of Trustees
November 17, 2020
6:15 pm

Attendees: Rodger Miller, Emily, Mandy Crowley, Rev Mandy, Jon Littlefield, Chen Zhang, Amy Kussman, Wendy Sapp, Roger Davis, Christian Horvath

Opening Words/Chalice Lighting: Rodger Miller

- a. What word or image stays with you from this passage?
- b. How does this passage touch you personally?
- c. How might this passage inform our work this evening?

Check-In

Read the [Board Covenant](#)

Consent Items: Approved Unanimously

- Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- VP Reports
- Staff Reports

Email Votes:

- Safe Return Policy
 - Motion: Immediately stop extra activities at UUCC and officially move into Phase 1 (Red) for our reopening plan; Jon made initial motion
 - Second: Amy
 - Vote Count: Yea = 5; Absent = 1

Decision Items:

- Review Numbers for Safe Return: 210 new cases 11/17/20, avg'ing about 200/day; Hamilton County having technical difficulty, so numbers could be off. 1737 is 5 day avg.; 52 cases per 100,000; no motion to move color. Will remain red for November.
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- Consider proposal for coat drive on church grounds, presented by Dylan
 - Motion: Christian makes motion: Do coat drive at church -- Suggested no persons be there
 - Second: Jon
 - Amendment (if any):
 - Amendment Second (if any):

- Vote Count: Motion passed unanimously
- Environmental Decision Making - Roger
 - Roger and Amy to work with Sandy, to write a charge, i.e., a list of what the board wants to happen; deliverables, etc.
- Proposal to shorten board meetings,
 - Motion: Chen moves that committee heads have reports in weekend before; decision items and information for a decision to be in agenda before meeting; all board members can call the question; no discussion until motion has been made and seconded;
 - Second: Emily
 - Amendment (if any):
 - Amendment Second (if any):
 - Vote Count: 5 to 1, Jon votes against.

Information Items:

Professional Development: Harvest the Power

Check Out

Closing Words/Chalice Extinguishing: Wendy to do Opening and Closing Words

Closing Words next time:

November VP + Staff Reports

VP Outreach: submitted by Jon Littlefield

Membership: Bill Derrickson submitted a revised document for goals of membership committee.

Social Justice (From Judy Gallagher): In addition to Share the Plate of course, Judith Pedersen-Benn will lead a book discussion on "My Grandmother's Hand" We think it will be a 4-week group, exact dates to come starting in January. We'll use some of our committee funds to buy some Facebook Ads. Encourage board members to promote in your circle as well, and join us!

"My Grandmother's Hands is a new step towards healing racialized trauma by opening up our consciousness to our most vulnerable foundation, our bodies. As a white person who means well, it's not enough for words to heal but to feel and own how trauma affects all of us and provides a critical opening on how we can begin to heal and solve the core inequities present in everyday America and across the world. "

We will also be sending out info on how to help with the Georgia run-off elections (Rose Ann getting us the info).

Reminder "Stand Out Fridays" is ongoing unless it rains. Fridays, 4:30-5:30 at Miller Park.

TIPL (TN Interfaith Power & Light) has "Green Your Vote" Masks for sale...\$5 each. December 6 TIPL will be having a statewide Seasons Greenings party. Sandy K will send out details.

Communications: Still no committee chair.

Intern Ministers November Report:

We are now in the home stretch of my internship, with only 59 days to go!

RE: The collaborative spaces are still going along very well. We've seen some drop in number for our teen group, but that was expected as zoom fatigue for the youth set in. Chapel is still averaging around 7-9 kids most weeks. I will be submitting a workshop proposal for General Assembly 2021 on the collaborative RE model for zoom. Work has begun on our collaborative Festival of Lights holiday program, and I'm excited to share this with UUCS in mid December.

I will be handing off the 4 your curriculum proposal to the RE committee later this week, and we will hopefully get everything set in place by the end of December. This proposal would be put in place after a "return year" program that I'm currently working on to address the needs once we are able to return to in-person/hybrid spaces.

This past month, we also launched the Spirit in Practice adult RE program. We currently have 5 solid participants. The feedback has been wonderful.

Worship: I worked with the WOWZERS this past month, to provide a Sunday Service and to assist others with their programs. Additionally, we offered a zoom space on election night to allow people to come together to be in community. We had around 10 people, with lively conversation. I will be offering another sermon later this month, as well as a collaboration in December and a final service as your Intern Minister in January. The January service will include the members of my Internship Committee.

Music Director Report - Jennifer Wilson

The virtual choir for Christmas Eve is underway! We have 17 folx who have expressed interest in being a part of the virtual choir, which is exciting! Rehearsal materials were sent out a couple of weeks ago and recording instructions and materials were sent out this weekend. We're on track to be ready for Christmas Eve with this special project, and I'm very hopeful about how it will turn out! Special music is lined up for the rest of the calendar year, and I'm beginning to work on plans of how to keep our music thriving in our virtual space in 2021.

Treasurer's Report for November Board Meeting