

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF MIDLAND
3301 NEELY AVENUE MIDLAND, TEXAS**

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: April 11, 2021

**PRESIDENT: MAUREENA BENAVIDES - PRESIDENT ELECT: JANINE DECKARD -
TREASURER: ALEX FIELDS - SECRETARY: APRIL GRAHAM - AT LARGE: DAVID
ALLEN, LISA JEBSEN, BEVERLY WISE
REVEREND JULIE LOMBARD, EX-OFFICIO**

**Action items in orange*

**Board motions in blue*

CALL TO ORDER at 12:08 CERTIFY QUORUM – 7 board members present

OPEN FORUM FOR CONGREGATION OR INVITED GUESTS – None present

CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS (consent agenda) done online/email:

*** MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

*** MINISTER’S REPORT**

*** EDUCATION REPORT**

*** COVID CARE**

*** TREASURER’S REPORT –**

Maureena moves to accept reports – Alex seconds. No abstentions.

OLD BUSINESS:

SIGN UP FOR BOARD WELCOME –

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548AFAE2BABFF2-uucom>

WEBSITE UPDATES & ICON UPDATE, CURRENT PLEDGE #S – Jessica doesn’t have a current list of committees and chairs for the website

Heads should write a small paragraph explaining who is on the committee, what work you’ve been doing, what you plan to do.

Julie and Jessica will work together to get that info from the committees. Deadline May 1.

BUILDING USE AND COVID RUBRIC –

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/midland-texas-covid-cases.html> This site is very helpful in seeing how cases are going right now in Midland County.

We will ask Jessica to use this site for reporting on numbers from now on.

Julie points out that we don't have the equipment for doing services in the sanctuary just yet.

Maureena - [Movement to table this and have another meeting on this topic – someone seconds, all are in favor.](#)

CREATING A WELCOMING CONGREGATION UPDATE – Janine is almost done with the application, needs a fuller history of our Share the Plate recipients and a congregational vote. She is working with Jessica on a webpage for Welcoming Congregation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE – Beverly is having trouble finding a treasurer nominee. Some names were floated.

COMMITTEE ON SHARED MINISTRY UPDATE – Working on the covenant now, moving on all the things we have charged them with. We need one more person on that committee.

PPP FORGIVENESS STATUS – see Alex's email. New loan is coming soon.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE – Possible sign in front of the church for racial justice – Maureena suggests doing it when there is more presence in the building.

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATES FOR UPCOMING YEAR – budgets have been sent to Alex.

STEWARDSHIP PLAN – Idea to say something during coffee hour about stewardship, post the Google Form link. Possibility of having people do it during service?

WORSHIP CHECK-IN – Summer worship series is planned

GARDEN – [Building and grounds will check in with Frank and see if there is anyone in town who will do pesticide-free maintenance of the gardens inside the walls.](#)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AGENDA DRAFT –

Janine will run the meeting as President-Elect.

- Vote on budget
- Vote on Board positions:
 - -president elect (Barbara)
 - -treasurer (TBD)
 - -at-large (1)
 - -investment committee (Jane H. and Tim J.)

- Welcoming Congregation
- 8th Principle
- COVID reopening

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP FOLLOW-UP – Board notebook and organizational chart – doing it minimally for now because there are so many other things that take precedence at the moment.

BOARD THANK YOU FOR MONTH OF APR –

Gardening Crew- for gathering to clean up the church gardens during spring break. April, Maureena, Venus, Barbara, and others!

The Nominating Committee- for finding new leaders

Toby Phillips – for performing in worship on 3/7

Janine Deckard, Harry Nutter, & Sonja Millichamp- for presenting in the first Roots Service on 3/28

Jane Hellinghausen- for her (with Barbara) warm welcome back (wine & flowers). For her willingness to be the slider on 3/21 – the Loved into Being UUA Stewardship Sermon

Emmy Ulmschneider- for working with SAC to plan an Earth Day Service in April

Barbara Handley- for stepping up as the Board Chair-Elect & for becoming the new Worship Chair, for the flowers she sent my child after a surgery, & with Jane & her warm welcome back to Midland

Jessica Stewart- for her extra work she did to support Jane leading the UUA worship service on 3/21 & to support the Stewardship mailing/efforts

Scott & Sonja Millichamp- their tireless assessment with regards to music & tech needs with worship transition

Board, Staff, & Committee on Shared Ministry- for attending the leadership training on 3/7 (esp. after the other leadership training by the Board)

SHARE THE PLATE RECOMMENDATIONS – May, YMCA; June, TBD

NEW MEMBER ACCEPTANCE – Kyndall and Phillip Leone – Maureena moves to accept, Janine seconds; all are in favor.

PERSONAL CHECKOUT

PROCESS OBSERVER REVIEW- Janine

CLOSING WORDS AND ADJOURN

MEETING END TIME: 1:38

Next Board meeting date(s):

EXECUTIVE SESSION – contract renewal and vacation for minister

Respectfully submitted by April Graham, Secretary