

UNITY CHURCH OF ALBANY
Minutes of the Board of Trustees' Meeting

March 18, 2021

Participating in Board Meeting (via Zoom call, 5:00 PM EST): Heather Diddel, president; Dottie Frament, vice president; Karin Reinhold, treasurer; Patricia Wood, secretary; Peggy Kaufmann, trustee; Dave Ferrill, trustee; Carol Morris, alternate trustee; Rev. Roger Mock, assistant minister

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm.
2. **Proposed 03/18/2021 Agenda:** A motion was to accept was made, seconded and approved (M/S/A).
3. **Minutes from 03/4/2021:** M/S/A.
4. **Minutes from 03/7/2021:** Carol Morris offered corrections regarding the Board nominee comments made during the March 7th Annual Meeting. With said corrections, the minutes were revised; M/S/A.
5. **Congregant Remarks:** Several members suggested that the church leadership engage the congregation in a discussion regarding the Unity church buildings and grounds, the current needs for repairs and infrastructure upgrades, and whether now is the time to consider new facilities. Several years ago, the congregation developed a vision for a future Unity in Albany facility, to meet more contemporary needs. The Board will discuss this in greater depth at upcoming meetings.
6. **Staff Reports:** Reverend Roger Mock reported that he continued to secure speakers for Sunday services. Elaine Silver will be invited to speak at an upcoming service. He noted that he had had a zoom call earlier in the week with Carol, Dave Ferrill, Phil Littell and Pat Wood to discuss developing a new plan for the audio/video needs of the church, and he would soon meet with Cheri Warren to get her recommendations.
7. **Finance Report:** Karin Reinhold, treasurer, gave a report on the Church's finances. Love offerings for February were higher than expenses. Income was \$14,768; expenses were \$12,844.

At a recent Finance Committee meeting, members reviewed the Church's investment portfolio with Merrill Lynch and recommend that potential new investment strategies be explored to improve annual returns. A meeting with the Merrill Lynch advisor will be scheduled.

8. **Board Discernment: Election of Unity in Albany Officers for 2021-2022:** Board president Heather Diddel led discussion regarding the election of officers for the coming year. After discussion and discernment, the following slate of officers was approved: Peggy Kaufmann, president; Carol Morris, vice president; Karin Reinhold, treasurer; Dottie Frament, secretary. Heather Diddel and Pat Wood will serve as at large trustees; Dave Ferrill will serve as alternate trustee.

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Wood, secretary, Board of Trustees