

MARCH 2018 MINUTES

First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church
1959 Sandy Lane
Fort Worth, TX 76112

Board of Trustees - Regular meeting
March 18, 2018

Minutes

Board members present: Irene Forrester, Jean Bruttell, Dan Sexton, Mary West, Betty Churchman, Sue Lowry and Della Purdin.

Also present: Reverend Annie Foerster and Lewis Morris.

The meeting was held at First Jefferson, in Jagers Parlor.

Meeting called to order at 2:03 pm by Irene Forrester.

Mary West stated that a quorum was present.

The covenant was reviewed. A motion was made to add the phrase “and failures of others” to the covenant. The sentence now reads: “At the same time, we will accept and forgive our failures and failures of others.” The motion was seconded and passed.

Jean stated those present need to determine the preferred way to communicate and agree on a period for responses. The consensus was to utilize the Board’s Facebook group for communications, sometimes stating to check email. The amount of time to given for responses will be determined at the time of the post.

Jean volunteered to act as process observer and Mary volunteered to be timekeeper.

Sue lead the Board in a spiritual practice. Betty volunteered to lead the spiritual practice in April.

All present gave a check-in.

Reverend Annie Foerster spoke on the pastoral care she’s provided those at our church outside of worship service.

Lewis brought the Board up to speed on the processes UUA has established for minister searches.

The February minutes were accepted with an update to the start time of the meeting.

Dan presented the Finance Report.

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The previous month's action items were updated.

Irene passed around sign-up sheets for Light on Leadership speeches during worship as well as Board members to open and close the church on Sundays.

Jean updated the Board on Canvass activities. Board members are asked to turn in their pledges this coming Sunday during worship. Canvass training is scheduled for Sunday afternoon. Canvassers are assigned an area of membership in the church. They will contact those in this area who do not turn in their forms.

The theme for the Fellowship Dinner is "Get Your Glow On." It will be catered by a Mexican restaurant.

The big donor dinner has been moved to April.

Cottage meetings happened on March 11th and 18th. The last one is March 25th.

Irene and Karl spoke with the neighbor involved in the dispute. Offshoots from our trees are growing on the neighbor's fence line. A motion was made, and seconded, to ask the Operations team to pursue removing the trees or hiring a crew to do it. The motion passed.

A motion was made, and seconded, to carry over last year's vote from the Board for the RE Coordinator. The motion passed. Board members agreed to an email vote when the RE Council presents the letter of agreement to the person chosen for the position.

Sue kept notes from the Cottage Meeting on March 18th. Jean will post information from these meeting on the bulletin board.

The church member approached to join the COM agreed. The Board was asked to think of ways to promote the development aspect of Leadership Development Council. Two more nominations for the Minister Search Committee were discussed.

Protocol suggests those on the "to" line need to act on an email. Those on the "cc" line are being included as informational, only. This information was shared as follow up to the communication portion discussed earlier.

A motion was made, and seconded, to compensate Reverend Foerster for the transitional help in pastoral care and consulting for up to \$500 per month. The motion carried.

A motion was made, and seconded, to have a line item in the budget through the end of the fiscal year to cover \$100 per week for lawn care. The motion passed.

Betty and Sue are now co-chairs of Caring and Sharing committee.

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A motion was made, and seconded, to pass the disruptive behavior and conflict resolution policy with the amendment as set out in the emailed copy. The motion passed. This will need to be published on the website and reflected in official Board minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

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Topic	Who	What	Due Date
Welcoming Congregation Recertification	Michael	Lead Task Force for the process	Tabled until Fall
Church chore sign-up sheet	Della	Compile a list of different chores to display on a sign-up sheet	Ongoing
LDC Member	Irene	Invite new member	April meeting
Potential Committee Members	Board	Review list on the Return Again document for potential members for various committees needing members	April meeting
Spiritual Practice	Betty	Board member assigned/volunteered for spiritual practice in Board meeting	April meeting
Building	Dan	Replace/repair doors and roof	April meeting
Canvass	Jean	Send email with schedule and list of canvassers	March 25
Stone Soup	Jean	Have Stone Soup for Commitment Sunday	April 8
Tree Removal	Irene	Ask Operations team to pursue removing trees from neighbor's fence line or hiring a crew to do it	April meeting