

BUF Board of Trustees Meeting (virtual, via Zoom)

April 2, 2020

Attendees: Rory McLeod (President), Murray Bennett (Vice President), Melissa Swift (Secretary), Sky Hedman (Treasurer), Angie Lindquist, Rod Haynes, David Curley, Bharti Kirchner, Debbie Boots, Paul Beckel (Ex-Officio)

Other participants: Kara Black, Kathy Wahto, Kaitlin Davis (observing)

Minutes by Melissa Swift, Secretary.

Chalice lighting 7:12 pm; Checkins

Approval of last meeting minutes. Minutes from 3/26/20 meeting were approved by email on 3/30/20.

Stewardship report. Debbie.

51% of people contacted; 56% of goal reached

Can't do May auction event (planning / set-up too cumbersome, doesn't seem like good timing for a fundraising auction)

Possibility of converting fall Booktoberfest into a bigger fundraiser.

All we know is that everything is changing.

Treasurer's Report: Sky.

Discussion of CARES Act and possible financial help that BUF might be able to apply for. Details will be discussed further in smaller operational groups as needed.

We are getting money from offering/donation link, during services.

Minister's Report. Paul

There will be a Taize service Monday night (via Zoom).

Has been working with celebrants and musicians re: Sunday services.

Birthday groups seem to be proceeding well.

Preventing Zoom Bombing. Rory.

Article from UUA about strategies to use.

Sunday services will have a host and also a chat monitor.

SEJC report. Kara Black.

Traditionally we designate one organization per month during the church program year to receive the Social Justice collection.

Committee is about to embark on interviews and vetting for next year's organizations, and wanted to double-check with the Board that the traditional structure is not going to change significantly next year.

All agreed that this should continue (i.e., that BUF should continue to designate one Social Justice collection target organization per month). We cannot know how the amount collected will compare to past years' amounts, but the organizations surely understand that already. Also, the details and logistics of how the donations are collected might differ from past years, but the spirit will remain the same.

Thank You's.

Two Zoom thank you messages were recorded by Board members, for:

- Lauralee McLeod, for convincing/motivating Rory to push for closing the BUF building earlier than may have seemed necessary at the time, which resulted in meetings (and choir rehearsals) being cancelled. Her wisdom and behind-the-scenes leadership surely saved lives.
- Healthcare workers in our BUF community for their service on the front lines of this crisis.

Next Meeting Date: April 9th, 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.