**UUSD BOT Joint Business/Planning Meeting Minutes-**

**November 14, 2023**

Attendees: Paul Barnette, Kent Sprunger, Carol Huckabee, Jane Miller, Richard Wheeler, Linda Marsden, Rev. Heather Rion Starr, Mac Goekler, Gary Schmidt, Marj Shannon, Allan Cairncross, Ellen Lytton, Linda Difeo

Attendee by Zoom: Donna Davis

Check Ins

Chalice Lighting and Reading

1. ***Call to Order***- Paul Barnette called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.
2. ***Approval Agenda***- Kent Sprunger asked to include a finance report to the proposed agenda. Carol Huckabee made a motion to approve the proposed agenda and Jane Miller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the proposed agenda.
3. ***Items for Action:*** 
   1. Review/Approve the October 25, 2023 business meeting minutes- No revisions or edits were made to the minutes. Linda Marsden made a motion to approve the minutes, with Carol Huckabee seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

b. UUA Proposed Article II Amendment Process- Mac Goekler requested that the congregation support adding “Peace” as a value to the UUA Article II amendment. This proposal would require 15 congregations to sponsor. Mac explained that amendments must come from individual congregations. The BOT voted to support the peace amendment proposal with one change: 2nd sentence- change to “...we support nonviolent means”.

BOT Motion: Given our support for the Peace amendment as proposed by Mac, and by changing the 2nd sentence wording from “..use..” to “..support..”, and whereas no other proposed amendments have been brought to the BOT, the Board agrees to support the proposed Peace amendment.

Richard Wheeler moved to approve the BOT motion, with Kent seconding the motion. The BOT voted unanimously to approve.

1. ***Items for Discussion:***
   1. “Searching for the Future” Taskforce update- Marj Shannon provided an update on the work of the taskforce to date. They have developed a timeline and will have periodic updates to the congregation in the Thursday E-news. The first one will be first week of December. They have broken down post-it notes from the July workshop into four distinct areas: Physical infrastructure, Infrastructure content ( worship, programming, etc), UUSD Community, External engagement (broader outreach, etc). They will be drafting a working goal for each area. Members are Marj, Don P., John Hayes, Brenda Bouton, Dara Schumaier and Michele Warch.
2. Update on Electronic sign and also Proposed plans to expand Route 9. Jane discussed a Cape Gazette article that mentions a proposed widening of Route 9 west to Dairy Farm road. Estimated date would by FY 27-forward and this project would be a high priority for DELDOT. Linda DiFeo and Ellen Lytton discussed the replacement of the “Wayside Pulpit”. The preliminary request for the proposed electronic sign would go to Sussex County, then onto DELDOT. The BOT voted to allow the team to go forward with part three of the request to Sussex County. It will be good for three years and no charge to UUSD. Plans for the sign may be impacted by the widening of Route 9. We need to be proactive in the planning of this project with DELDOT to ensure that we have input as a congregation. More discussions to follow in future BOT meetings.
3. Planning for Special Congregational Meeting- Jane Miller will ask Sandy for a list of members as of November 10th. In order to be eligible to vote, members must have signed the membership book at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Jane will also draft a message from the president of the BOT, along with summary of changes and a clean copy of the bylaws, to send out in a special email. Members will be encouraged to attend the December 10th meeting in order to have a quorum of 66 members. Donna Dolce will be the parliamentarian for the meeting.

J ane will coordinate with the Communications committee for the special email blast, projected to be sent out NLT Friday, November 24, 2023.

1. Next planning/business meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM (in person).
2. Meeting Adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Miller

BOT Secretary