

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington, North Carolina

Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting Minutes, June 18, 2024

Location: UUCWNC

BOT: Gary O'Connell (President), Jimmy Reeves (Vice President), Jane Horrell (Secretary), Robert Denko, Kathy Gillcrist, Jeannie Lennon, Dennis McCulley, Michael Sheridan, Fran Strauss

Guests: Mark Gentner, JoAnn Skinner, Kathryn Waple

Meeting was called to order promptly at 5:15pm. Gary lit the chalice and provided a reading.

New Board members (Mark, JoAnn, Kathryn):

New members were welcomed. Items discussed included:

- Brief introductions and current members' roles within BOT
- Current governance model and recent governance history
- Goals
- Policy Manual (provide via email by Gary prior to meeting)
 - BOT can make changes
 - Needs to be review
- Bylaws (provide via email by Gary prior to meeting)
 - Changes require a congregational vote
- Orientation handbook (provide via email by Gary prior to meeting)
- Expectations
- Year in review
- Yearly calendar

President/Vice President/Secretary:

- Kathryn elected James H. Reeves President, Dennis seconded. All members (excluding outgoing members Gary, Jane, Robert) voted unanimously for James H. Reeves as BOT President.
- Fran elected Kathryn Wapol as Secretary, Dennis seconded. All members (excluding outgoing members Gary, Jane, Robert) voted unanimously for Kathryn as Secretary.
- JoAnn elected Charles Mark Gentner as Vice President, Fran seconded. All members (excluding outgoing members Gary, Jane, Robert) voted unanimously for Charles Mark Gentner as Vice President.

Gary and Jane committed to be available to provide any assistance, support or insight to incoming President and Secretary.

Building Committee:

A gathering area is being planned. The space and design have been identified. Jeannie provided photos of examples from another congregation. A notice will be placed in the Digest and will ask for feedback. Design may include a fenced area, wood chips, picnic tables and benches. Congregation buy-in and budget to be decided.

Policy Manual:

Discussion about items changed over the course of the 2023/2024 church year:

- ✓ Refined definition of a Member and a Friend
- ✓ Religious Education attendance (drop off policy)
- ✓ Addendum to Generous Life Team (GLT) schedule
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Gary to confirm Policy Manual is accurate and most updated version is on the website.

Adjourned at 7pm