First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee

Minutes of the Meeting of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 17, 2020

Present:  Mark Bishop (President), Jeremy Koenen (Secretary), Chris Aiken, Mark Bender (Vice President), Melinda Vernon, Jane Peterson, Dianna Dentino, Jane Cliff (Secretary), Mark Miller, Rollie Hanson, Ben LeFort, Mike Hogan

The meeting was called to order at 2:50 pm.

- Mark Bishop welcomed the new BOT members.
- **Motion to accept Mark Bender as President, Jane Cliff as Vice President, Mike Hogan as Secretary, and Tom Briscoe as Treasurer ad hoc member for church year (CY) 2020-21. (Dianna/Melinda. Approved unanimously.)**
- Mark Bishop provided context for Denise Cawley’s request for FUSM blessing for her upcoming ordination at Kenosha’s Bradford congregation in June. FUSM is her home church. He shared the blessing text that Rev. Jennifer has drafted (on BOT behalf). BOT has already approved $1000 to support Ms. Cawley’s ordination. **Motion to accept text of Denise Cawley’s ordination at Bradford church (Rollie/Jane C. Approved unanimously.)**
- Mark Bishop answered questions from new BOT members on timing of and preparation for BOT meetings.
- Mark Bender will work with Jane C. to orient new BOT members in late summer. Bender will also follow up with details on August BOT retreat, where we will provide overview of policy governance, progress on monitoring, and develop BOT goals for the coming CY. First BOT of new church year will be in late August.
- Mark Bishop asks if there is a better electronic collaborative tool than Dropbox for working on BOT documents. Mark Bender agrees that there may be a more effective way to store and archive BOT documents and retain information from year to year.
- There are two newly formed FUSM teams that are important to BOT work: 1) KGAT (Krug bequest project selection criteria and funding distribution); 2) strategic planning, which will include some marketing.
- Question was raised about FUSM meeting attendance today.

**Moved to Adjourn (Mark Miller/Mike Hogan) Approved unanimously.**

Adjourned at 3:12 pm