**UNITY OF SYRACUSE**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Feb 16, 2022 @ 7:00pm via Zoom**

**Present:** Rev. Pat Bessey, Joanne Niedzwicki, Leland Jackson, Natalie Dart, Tommy Baniewicz, Natasha Schmidt, Byron Petraroja, Joy Casey

**Opening Prayer** – Keeper of the Flame – Ann Wahl

**Check-In & pray in**

**Rev. Pat – Education**

* Vision, mission, and core values should be central – check in about whether the vision and mission speak to us

Unity of Syracuse’s

* Mission:  Unity of Syracuse inspires, awakens, and transforms lives through unlimited love, prayer, and service.
* Vision:  Centered in Spirit we celebrate a healthy, peaceful world unified in love.
* Core Values:  We are...inspiring, accepting, expressing Truth, forgiving, progressive, loving, and compassionate

**FYI items**

* Railing to podium is planned
* Ministerial Search – Team is meeting to review response to our posting with UWM**.**

**Follow up items**

Nominating team report

* Motion was made and approved to accept Patsy Scala and Byron Petraroja as nominees for open Board positions.

Garage/roof update – Natalie/Natasha

* Natasha is seeking proposals for repair of roof above the office, which should be addressed this Spring.

By-Laws –

* Will include a vote on an addition to current bylaws to our Annual Meeting agenda, to address holding meetings/voting by electronic means during “emergency situations.”

AV discussion – what is next?

* Purchase of equipment was approved, ordered, and is already in use! Well done, with many hands and loving effort contributed to this progress.

Covid changes – reopening to in-person service March

* Phase 1 and 2 reopening begins on March 6th, with in-person service (masks and social distancing required) and coffee/tea in the social hall after.

Outreach Team – Joanne

* Team has contacted current church members regarding access to virtual offerings and plans to reach out to recent members not connected, or non-member “attenders”
* Joanne & Jacob will be updating our brochure and info on the live-stream broadcasts, with easily accessible contact information for the church

**New items:**

Annual Meeting on Sunday 3/20,

* Meeting will be both in-person and via Zoom
* Mailing of Annual Meeting packet will go out the first week of March,
* Info on Board of Directors’ nominees will be included in weekly newsletter
* Reports

Historical Registry/Sacred site –

* Nancy Hazzard shared info regarding possible grant money available for designation as “historic place on the Federal registry.” If attained, this designation would allow us to apply for grants related to the church structure.
* A motion was made and approved to empower Nancy to explore the process of historic designation with a consultant.

**Reports** –

* YFM, January Board Minutes, Ministry Coordinator Report- shared, with no questions
* Financials – As we transition to a new bookkeeper, Cathy made some suggestions to streamline some current processes.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday 3/15/22 at 7 PM

Closing Prayer by Ann Wahl.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM