



**Board of Trustees Combined Business Meeting and Study Session Minutes**

February 14, 2023 - 6:30 to 8:30 PM via Zoom

**Present:** Joe Finnerty, Jody Hanger, Jenny Hunt, Adelaide Aime, Nick Pettey, Karen Folk, Stephen Herzog, Penné Beckett (Becky Densmore unable to attend); Special Guests - Gail Schiesser, Moderator, and Settled Search Team Co-Chairs, Pat McClard and Janet Barrett

**WELCOME/CHECK IN/CHALICE LIGHTING**

- The Board and guests did a short check in and lit a chalice.

The agenda was finalized for the evening with no changes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Action/Discussion: Dates for Annual Meeting and Special Meeting for Ministerial Call

**Discussion before motions:**

- all were in agreement that the annual meeting and the special meeting should be in person
- voting by mail is currently considered a proxy vote by our constitution; may be a change to consider for the bylaws in the future
- suggestion was made that the meetings be streamed - Hanger took action item to email Rev. KB to consult with AV Tech Team

**MOTION:** After consulting with the 2023 Moderator and the co-chairs of the Settled Search Team, I move the Board of Trustees to set the in-person annual Congregational Meeting to Sunday, June 4, 2023.

Finnerty moved to accept motion as written, Hanger seconded.

Vote was unanimous from those attending meeting (Densmore not present to vote); the motion to set the annual Congregational Meeting date to Sunday, June 4, 2023 carried.

**MOTION:** After consulting with the 2023 Moderator and the co-chairs of the Settled Search Team, I move the Board of Trustees to set the in person special Congregational Meeting for Ministerial Call Sunday to April 30, 2023, assuming that candidating week occurs as expected April 23 - 30, 2023.

Beckett moved to accept the motion as written; Finnerty seconded.

Vote was unanimous for those attending meeting (Densmore not present to vote); the motion to set the special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, April 30, 2023 carried.

Gail Schiesser, Pat McClard, and Janet Barrett were thanked for their time and left the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Congregational Safety:
  - Executive Session: The board will discuss confidential, sensitive personnel related issues and will thus need to move to Executive Session.
    - Resource: [UUA: Dealing with Destructive Behavior](#)

**MOTION:** I move the Board of Trustees to enter into an Executive Session and we expressly invite Rev. KB to join this conversation.



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Folk moved to accept the motion as written; Finnerty and Beckett seconded; the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Executive Session regarding congregational safety commenced.

Finnerty made motion to leave Executive Session; Beckett seconded.

Executive Session ended at 8:10 p.m.

**MOTION:** I move the Board of Trustees to suspend the named congregant's UUCUC access to our church community and property for a minimum of six months as outlined in the resource linked below.

- [Operations Manual](#) (scroll to A.4.2 Policy Regarding Congregational Safety and Behavior - about p. 27 in the pdf view)
- Resource: [Limited Access Letter DRAFT](#)

Folk moved to accept motion as written; Finnerty seconded.

The vote was unanimous; the motion to suspend the named congregant's access to UUCUC community and property for a minimum of six months carried.

After a quick review of the upcoming business meeting on February 28, 2023 the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.