

Westside Unitarian Universalist Church
Special Board Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order by President, Carol Cappa, 3:30 pm via Zoom.
2. Present: Carol Cappa, Rev. Shari Woodbury, Reed Bilz, David Burlingame, Jane Hardwick, Jerrie Koppa, Tom Woods, Tanner Trask, Marc Hart, Stan Yoder, Janell Weaver.
Absent: Nicole Kennedy
Visitors: Mary Alice Cretsinger, Stephanie Jeffers, Sue Spell
A quorum was present.
3. Transition Team Report
 - A. The Team has interviewed three candidates and received and reviewed their references. The Team finds all three of these candidates experienced and well able to serve as our Interim Minister successfully.
 - B. Rev. Annie Foerster, retired minister formerly a Westside member now serving First Jefferson part time, has offered to provide reflections for us if we decide to hire a part time minister. She suggested trading off with our part time minister where each could repeat their reflections for the other congregation each month. If we decided to go lay-led, she might be able to speak at Westside one Sunday a month since she speaks at First Jefferson three Sundays each month now.
4. Briefing on Town Hall Meeting
 - A. Janell reported a strong majority voted, either during the meeting or by email afterwards, to hire a full time Interim Minister.
 - B. It is hoped that if we go this route some members might raise their pledge to help lessen the financial burden of such a move.
5. Conclusions
 - A. Marc moved to go forward with hiring a full time Interim Minister. The motion was seconded and CARRIED.
 - B. David moved to present the Full Time Minister Budget including Covid-19 reductions to the congregation for a vote. (Budget attached) Final approval depends on verifying that a \$20,000 N. Texas Community Foundation Grant, already received, was intended for the 2020-21 church year. The motion was seconded and CARRIED.
 - C. Tom moved to offer the position of Interim Minister in the following order: 1) Rev. Shelley Page; 2) Rev. Barbara Coeyman; and 3) Rev. Michelle LeGrave. The motion was seconded and CARRIED.
6. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be **June 9, 2020, 7:00** via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Reed Bilz, Secretary