

WESTSIDE UU CHURCH
Board Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. A Zoom option was available. Present: Sue Anderson, Kim Hart, Glenda Hood, Dianne Nixon, Dwight Robarts, Jeff Rodriguez, Rev. Don Strickland, Dayna Tooley, Melissa Trask. Also present: John Barnes, Ridge Dickey, Nicci Kennedy, Tanner Trask.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. March 14, 2023, minutes and addendum were approved via email.
- B. Plate offerings: May: Americans United for Separation of Church and State; June: LGBTQ Saves; July: Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas; August: Southside Community Garden.
- C. **ACTION:** Dwight Robarts made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded and CARRIED.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND STRATEGIC PLAN EVALUATION

- A. 8th Principle & /Anti-Racism – Kim Hart: Two groups, the Anti-Racism Covenant Group and Indigenous Readings Group, are studying the 8th principle and will provide more information to the Board at a later time in advance of a formal vote from the Board. **ACTION:** Dwight moved that the Board send a communication inviting the congregation into a conversation about the 8th Principle, to begin in the fall, with the hope that the congregation will later consider formally adopting the principle. Seconded and CARRIED.
- B. Membership, Advertising, Peas Corps, and Fellowship – John Barnes: He is working on getting small posters printed to distribute around the neighborhood; Circle Suppers are likely to start up again soon; Peas Corps needs more volunteers. New Member Orientation is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 21, after the service and Garden Dedication Service.
- C. Building and Grounds – Dianne Nixon: The Garden Dedication Service will be noon Sunday, May 21.
- D. Stewardship Campaign – Tanner and Melissa Trask: Stewardship “Homecoming Party” is 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 29. In order for the Finance Committee to have time to prepare the budget for next year, the deadline for collecting all pledges is April 30.
- E. Strategic Plan Update – Dayna: Progress was confirmed by the prior discussions about stewardship, membership, the 8th Principle, etc.

III. DLRE REPORT – Nicci Kennedy

- A. The March 25 Intergenerational Game Night was a success.
- B. OWL classes began in March and will continue through the month. The end-of-program celebration party will be May 28.
- C. High-schoolers’ letter-writing campaign continues.
- D. Youth will be creating a mural.
- E. T-shirt sales continue.
- F. With the increasing number of children coming to the church, childcare workers are badly needed.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT – Dwight

- A. The church incurred a \$9,000 loss in March.
- B. YTD, the church has a deficit of about \$2,000.
- C. 85 percent of annual pledges are in, ahead of schedule.

V. MINISTER'S REPORT – Rev. Don Strickland

- A. No report this month.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Marketing the church: No action taken.
- B. Topics for Next Communication to congregation: 1) Dayna will write about the Stewardship Campaign; Sue and Glenda will draft comments about the 8th Principle.
- C. Stewardship: **ACTION:** By email, Melissa Trask moved that the Board approve the serving of alcohol (wine only) at the Stewardship Homecoming Reception on April 29. Seconded and CARRIED.
- D. **ACTION:** By email, Kim Hart moved to accept the nominee for the Dick Smith Volunteer Award, with the winner's name to be disclosed at a later time. Seconded and CARRIED.
- E. **ACTION:** By email, Dianne Nixon moved that the Board approve the new Garden Policies and Procedures. Seconded and CARRIED.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. The Board went into Executive Session at 8:26 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

LINKS:

<https://www.au.org/>
<https://www.lgbtqsaves.org/>
<https://www.southsidedfw.org/>
<https://uitct.org/>
[Anti-racism Covenant Group](#)
[Another Group Supporting 8th Principle Strategic Plan](#)
[Treasurer's Report](#)
[Budget](#)
[Percentage Report](#)
[DLRE Report](#)
[Marketing Proposal - Jeff Rodriguez](#)

BACK BURNER

Welcoming Statement that specifies our priorities - Worship Team/ Don Strickland - April or by email

1. Providing a home for religious refugees

2. Creating a safe space for fellowship and community

3. Actively working to curb gun violence

4. Demanding justice for LGBTQIA+

AV for Services - April

Musical options for Services - Kim Hart

Review Inventory of Church Assets

Cultural Competency Training

Spring Dedication

Fire Department Boxes