

MidAmerica Region, UUA
Board Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2020

Trustees Present: Tammy Lemmer, Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan, Kyrie Bock, Dorit Bergen, David Lauth

Staff Present: David Pyle, Sharon Dittmar

Meeting called to order by David L at 7:02 PM

David L shared opening words and then participants checked in. David P shared that he has been activated as a military chaplain and might possibly be deployed with his field hospital. If he is deployed Jessica York will step in as acting Regional Lead.

Tammy moved adoption of the March minutes and Sarah seconded. Motion passed.

Common Read

David L led a discussion of Chapters 8 & 9 of An Indigenous People's History of the United States.

It was noted that the next in person gathering of the Board will take place October 16 – 18, 2020.

The Board took a short break to listen to Kyrie's neighborhood sing along during this sheltering at home time.

Update on National Advisory Council

David L reported on a call he had with Jessica York and other regional leaders. Jessica has permission from the UUA Moderators to develop a modified proposal for the National Advisory Council, which is slowly

being developed. Both the UUA President and the Executive Vice-President are okay with regions pausing the calls to congregations for now. It was noted that regional staff all over the country have reached out to all congregations during this time of the pandemic. Regional Staff member Lisa Presley is offering a twice weekly leadership conference during this time. Sharon noted that the webinars being offered by our Regional staff have been well attended and that the congregations are very focused on Covid-19 issues. In the end, the Board agreed to put calls to the congregation on hold, possibly until we have more relevant questions. David L will contact Jessica to let her know about that decision.

Regional Lead Report

David P reported that

- 1) There is a plan in place if he is deployed.
- 2) All Regional events have been moved online until the end of August.
- 3) Regional staff have been fabulous at supporting congregations.
- 4) Regional staff are hard at work figuring out how to continue their work remotely.

Several Board members expressed their gratitude to staff for their excellent work.

Regional Assembly Planning

Sharon reported that the planning is going well, that we are ready. David L will ask Lisa Presley to set up a Board call a week before the Assembly to lay out the specifics of how the business meeting will proceed.

The Board held its Process-Observation-Check Out

David L had closing words and adjourned the meeting at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Dorit Bergen
Board Secretary