

First Religious Society Parish Board

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2019

Present: Maureen Adams, Rebecca Brodish (for later part of meeting), Rev. Rebecca Bryan, Micah Donohue, Kristen Fehlhaber, Tim Fountain, Ann Haaser, Art Henshaw, Rich Johnson, Lynn Kettleson, Sophia Lyons, Ann Power, Forrest Speck, Karen Young

Absent: None

I. Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the First Religious Society Parish Board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on May 8, 2019 in the Lower Meeting House of the FRS by Art Henshaw, Parish Board Chair.

II. Chalice Lighting, Reading and Check In

Opening and Reading

Rev. Rebecca read "An Invitation" from Letters to a Young Poet.

Serving with Grace - Chap 6: "I Put My Hand in Yours"

Sophia Lyons invited members to share stories of their experiences of working with people who have a different style than our own, and how we see our Parish Board work as spiritual work.

III. Communications

At 7:20 pm, the following motion was made by Karen Young and seconded:

Motion: "I move that the Board go into Executive Session.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Strategic Thinking

Finance and FY2019 Budget

Kristen Fehlhaber reviewed the document titled "Summary of Proposed Changes in the 2019-20 Budget (Highlights)".

The following motion was made by Tim Fountain and seconded:

Motion: "I move that the Parish Board approve the Proposed Budget for FY20 with expenses of \$696,485."

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Mission Vision Update

Rev. Rebecca updated the Board on progress. The Board will be provided with final 1 or 2 options at a Special Board Meeting on May 21.

V. Old Business

Environmental Policy

Annie Madden (representing the Climate Action Committee) presented a proposed FRS “Environmental Stewardship Policy”, which was followed by a discussion of the “pathway” by which FRS would adopt such a policy.

VI. New Business

Nominations

Will be taken up at a later Board meeting.

Annual Meeting Warrant

Board reviewed and amended the draft of “Warrant Articles for June 9 Annual Meeting”, which resulted in the following Articles to be acted upon:

Article 1: To act upon the reports of the officers and committees.

Article 2: To act upon the 2019-2020 budget recommended by the Parish Board.

Article 3: To act upon the recommendation of the Governance Committee to suspend certain assignments of responsibility to the Finance Committee, by the Bylaws, Article IX, Section 7.

Article 4: To act upon the recommendation of the Governance Committee for the election of officers and chairpersons.

Article 5: To act upon the recommendation of the Justice Action Ministry to become a Level 2 Sanctuary Congregation.

Article 6: To act upon the recommendation of the Parish Board to engage consultants for Mission and Vision planning purposes.

Article 7: To act upon any other business that may legally come before the Parish.

The following motion was made by Rebecca Brodish and seconded:

Motion: “I move that the Parish Board adopt the proposed warrant, as amended, for the June 9 Congregational Meeting.”

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Gift Acceptance

The following motion was made by Ann Power and seconded:

Motion: “I move that the Parish Board accept the gift bequest of the Estate of Marise Fraser in the amount of \$7,000 and apply it to the Bailey Fund.”

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Routine Business – Consent Agenda

- Regular Minutes of April 10-, 2019
- Special Minutes of May 2, 2019

The following motion was made by Rebecca Brodish and seconded:

Motion: “I move that all items on the Consent Agenda be approved.”

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Process Check, Closing & Adjournment

Art will email process checks and asked that members email responses to Forrest Speck.

Art Henshaw moved to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Haaser, Parish Clerk