First Religious Society Parish Board
Special Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2020
Via Zoom


A special meeting of the First Religious Society Parish Board was convened by Karen Young, Parish Board Chair, at 5:30 p.m. on April 29, 2020. The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss this year’s Annual Meeting to be conducted as a virtual meeting via Zoom.

Rev. Rebecca lit the chalice and opened the meeting with a reading on “Liminality” by Cheryl Fullerton.

Karen gave a summary of conducting a congregational meeting via Zoom. The meeting will be recorded. Voting by members can be conducted either using a poll or by using the “participants” screen.

The following motion was made by Rebecca Brodish and seconded:

**Motion:** “I move that the Parish Board approve that we use the polling method in Zoom for the voting process during this year’s Annual Meeting.”

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

After a discussion about the increased amount of time that will be involved in voting on articles, as well as the ability to provide a full, immersive experience and the issues around accessibility that we know are present in the congregation, it was agreed that only essential items will be included in the warrant for a congregational vote.

The following motion was made by Ann Haaser and seconded:

**Motion:** “I move that the Parish Board approve removing taking action on Values-Mission-Ends from this year’s Annual Meeting Warrant.”

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

The Annual Report will be emailed to members, and physically mailed to members who do not use email.

Karen Young adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Ann Haaser, Parish Clerk*