

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Watertown NY
Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting
August 31, 2022

Board Members Present: Heather Winn, President; Amy Summerville-Loomis, Vice President; Eleanor Allen, Treasurer, Sarah O'Connell, Secretary, Trustees: Joanne Harter, Shannon Starkweather-Burke, Catherine Burns, Janine LaClair

Board members Absent

Others Present: Harriet McMillan, Robert South

Call to Order

Heather called the meeting to order at 9:37 am.

Purpose:

The purpose of the special meeting on Zoom was to respond to the questions directed to the Board by our transition consultant, Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt. This meeting was recorded and sent to her. We also subsequently received written comments from most of the board members which were also shared with her.

The questions were as follows:

1. List the three most urgent questions before the congregation at this time. How do you imagine stepping into decision-making with those questions?
2. If a minister began working with the congregation sometime this year, what do you believe their first order of business should be?
3. Where are there areas of conflict in the congregation presently? Where are things going well? Overall, would congregants say they are mostly satisfied or mostly dissatisfied with how the church is doing?
4. Where do you see good energy in the congregation presently? Where do you see the congregation stuck, unable to do its work or move forward?
5. Suppose it is five years from now, and you are telling someone about the church who has never been there. What would you hope to be saying about the church? What might you be afraid you would be saying about the church by then?

Next Board Meeting

The Board meets on the 4th Friday of the month by Zoom at **9:30 am**. The next meeting will be held on **Friday, September 23, 2022**.

Heather adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah O'Connell, Secretary