

2024 Slate of Candidates for Board of Trustees and Committees

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the 2022-2023 slate of candidates for the Board of Trustees and other positions. We will vote for the Board of Trustees and other leadership positions at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, June 9.

**We are grateful to the Nominating Committee for the slate of officers they are bringing to the Annual Meeting to be elected. Church by-law XII.1.2 does also provide that a person may be nominated "By Petition. Ten or more members may nominate members for any congregationally-elected position by petition to the Nominating Committee at least seven days prior to an election." If someone is interested, they must submit a petition to Nominating@uucharlottesville.org.*

The following have accepted nominations for:

Board of Trustees

Board Vice President - Bev Ryan – a second 2-year term

Board Secretary - Tammy Witt – a 2-year term

Board At Large - Chris Little – a second 3-year term

Board At Large - Sylvie Semmelhack – a 3-year term

Nominating Committee:

Cathy Lawder – a second 2-year term

Kelsey Cowger – a second 2-year term

David Shutt – a second 2-year term

Personnel Committee

No positions to be filled.

Candidate Bios

Kelsey Cowger is currently serving on the Nominating Committee. She has represented UUCville with IMPACT, sings in the choir and served as an At-Large board member.

Cathy Lawder has been a member of UUCville since 2008. She is currently on the Nominating Committee, Personnel Committee, the Co-chair of the Refugee Welcome Committee and Coordinator of the mentors working with our sponsored Afghan family. Cathy has facilitated and participated in several covenant groups, helped with meals at the Haven, auctions/yard sales, and other activities. Cathy looks forward to serving with others on the Nominating Committee to learn more about leadership opportunities and church governance.

Chris Little has been a member of UUCville, along with his wife Tori and three young children, since the spring of 2019. He is a current board member, worked on the Long Term Strategic Planning committee and served on the Interim Committee with Rev. Linda, helped with our

pledge drives, the search committee for our Developmental Minister. Chris has also served on multiple non-profit boards, including Big Brothers Big Sisters (Richmond), Comfort Zone Camp, and The Richmond Forum, and is currently on the boards of Hospice of the Piedmont and Virginia Institute of Autism. In 1997, he founded a purpose-driven tech consultancy to elevate humanity in business, and led that firm for 20 years, currently on its board and in a day-to-day role focused on community service. Chris shares that he is interested in a UUCville Board position “because I believe my experience and perspectives may be helpful to the board, because I’ll enjoy the community connection, and I’ll learn a lot about UUCville and UU in general”.

Bev Ryan has been a member of UUCville since 1998. She has been a member of the RE Committee, Personnel Committee, Co-chair of Yard Sale/UUBazaar, Greeters, Covenant Group Steering Committee, Interim Minister Team and currently serves as Vice President of the Board of Trustees. Bev is volunteering to serve a second term as Vice President to do her part in the leadership of this congregation through working with other board members, the ministers, the staff, and the congregation.

Sylvie Semmelhack became an official member of UUCville last year after completing the Coming of Age program, but she's been involved in the church her entire life. You may have seen her speaking on her experiences in Coming of Age or the Appalachian Service Project in services, working in the nursery, or occasionally playing the piano as a music offering. Sylvie highly values her church community and is excited to offer a new perspective as a member of the board while being in YRUU; and to learn and participate in the invaluable community work we do as a congregation. Outside of UUCville, Sylvie is a rising senior at Charlottesville High School and enjoys singing in the choirs, swimming for CHS, and teaching swim lessons for the city.

Dave Shutt joined our wonderful congregation in 2007 and currently serves on the Nominating Committee. In addition to volunteering for many activities and events like Soup Sundays, grounds upkeep, yard sales, sound crew, the Facilities Rental Team, 4 years with the Committee on the Ministry, he is currently helping with the Membership Committee and the Hospitality Committee. He is a long-time member of UU-Guys. Dave would like to serve the congregation and learn from the members of the Nominating Committee and all congregants.

Tammy Witt I have been a member of UUCville for past two years and during that time I have started finding ways to participate and contribute to the congregation. Becoming a member of the board, will give me the opportunity to give to back to the church in a more substantive way. I have been involved in the UUCville Spiritual Book Club for the past two years and recently have been helping with the Long Term Strategic Planning committee.

I have held several positions within the Charlottesville Area Assoc of Realtors and the CAAR Foundation. The most recent position was the chair of the CAAR foundation.