



March 18, 2020

To the Board of Directors of Ferry Beach:

The Nominating Committee has determined the following: three members have terms which end at the Annual Meeting in May 2020. They are Jessie Washington (served 1 three-year term) Cyd Melcher (served the remainder of a term and has had a long history on the board) and Ron Willet (served 1 three-year term as Secretary). Our by-laws state that we allow two, 3 year terms by election as a director or two-3 year terms as an officer.

The Nominating Committee does not need to put forth three of the four-officer positions as they are within their three-year term. **We put forth in Nomination for the Secretary of the Board of Directors:**



**Ron Willet, Secretary**

Ron grew up in central Texas and moved to Washington, DC as a young man after law school. He says the general practice of law and life as a Gay man in a homophobic culture were two things that did not suit him. Ron held various positions in the US Dept. of Labor during his 30-year career in the Federal government in DC. He retired in 2010 and moved to Lowell, MA where he now lives with his spouse, Bill. Ron and Bill are both Ferry Beach Life Members and active participants in GAYLA.

Ron is a facilitator/teacher of Sacred Circle Dance (which he learned about at FB), and has been active in 12-step recovery for 25 years. He was among the founders of the Triangle Club in Washington, a non-profit meeting space for Gay/Lesbian groups of 12-step fellowships, and served on the Club's initial Board of Directors for a few years, acting as Secretary during part of that time. Ron has also served on the Board of the Dept. of Labor Fitness Assn., including time as Secretary, and on the Session (governing body) of a Presbyterian church in Washington.

*Our mission is to awaken hearts to explore, grow and renew the spirit of universal love.*

*We work in the areas of **arts & culture**, **education**, **spirituality**, **sustainability**, **personal growth** and **justice & action**.*



**We nominate the following candidates for director positions on the board:**



**Meghan Chan** works in technology managing software development and project implementations. She has been attending The Family & Friends week since she was 5 and stepped into leading children's workshops and as a program coordinator in her early 20s.

Meghan graduated from Cornell University in 1998 and received her MBA from Babson College in 2004. She has 2 young daughters who are lifelong Ferry Beachers and hopes we can help the Beach continue to be a spiritual retreat that they can enjoy throughout their lives.



**Pamela Emery (Pam)**, a resident of Old Orchard Beach, Maine where she and her husband have built their retirement home. She has spent the last 3 summers at Ferry Beach with her grandchildren. She has been a member of a number of UU churches most recently at the Unitarian Church of Barnstable MA. She loves coming to Ferry Beach, is enthusiastic and wants to participate in the future of Ferry Beach. She also knows a lot of local people and is willing to connect them to Ferry Beach.



**Alan Shepard** has been a resident of Maine for most of his life, but recently moved to Camp Ellis three years ago. He is a real estate attorney with a practice in Kennebunk for over 35 years. He has been on many Boards in the area, and is currently on the board for the Ogunquit Museum of American Art. He is also a member of the Town of Saco river committee. He loves to fly fish and kayak which brought him to the area.

**For the Nominating Committee position open, we nominate:**



**Kathleen Dziadzio** is on the board. She was a member of the Shoreline Commission for the City of Saco and served as Secretary for the commission. Professionally, she was a High School mathematics teacher and then joined the business community selling engineered products. These included low voltage electronic systems (fire and theft detection) which required her familiarity with life safety codes and NFPA requirements. She finished her career as a member of a team designing and installing storm water treatment systems. Kathleen has lived in the Saco area much of her life originally as a summer resident and for the

past 30+ years, year-round.

Respectfully Submitted:

Claudia Sienko, Chair, Nominating Committee

*Our mission is to awaken hearts to explore, grow and renew the spirit of universal love.*

*We work in the areas of **arts & culture**, **education**, **spirituality**, **sustainability**, **personal growth** and **justice & action**.*

