

**UUFM Board Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

Bob Finley, President  
Todd Schweim, Vice President  
Liz Kipp, Treasurer  
Mae Gagnon, Secretary  
Cheiron McMahill, Member at Large  
Kathryn Vonderharr, Member at Large  
Deb Fitzloff, Member at Large  
Penny Herickhoff, Past President

**Chalice Lighting:** “We are a welcoming people of diverse beliefs who commit to nourish the spirit, broaden the mind, nurture the earth, and build community. May this flame we kindle remind us to strive, today and every day, to love beyond belief.”

**Personal check-in**

**Board covenant review:** In the words of Unitarian Universalist minister the Rev. Gretchen Haley: “[W]e become human through our promising, but also we become human when we break those promises, and yet somehow find ways to reconnect and begin again – when we repair the relationship because we know we need each other.”

Through our covenant, we strive to work together as leaders for the good of the congregation:  
We promise to create opportunities for joy and celebration in our work together.

**Welcome Guests/Visitors:** No guests or visitors were present.

**Review agenda for additions/corrections:** No changes were made, and Liz motioned to approve the consent agenda. Kathryn seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion passed.

**REPORTS**

**FY 2022-2023 Pledge Drive update:** Pledge drive is currently 48% of the way to reaching its \$165,000 goal. Additional recorded testimonials are also needed for sharing during Sunday services.

**Lease agreement for rental property:** The lease needs to be re-written and changed to month-to-month arrangement. Mae will provide a sample of such a lease to be edited by Bob/Shelly as needed. Mae will also obtain a suggested monthly rental price from a knowledgeable Mankato realtor and share this information.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Debit card for Communication and Office Administrator:** Mae motioned to allow Shelly to have access to the church's company card and Deb seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion passed.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Mortgage refinance options:** The Board seems to be in favor of paying off the remaining mortgage (~\$63,000) on April 1<sup>st</sup> instead of renewing a mortgage agreement, but an official vote will take place in March. The Board reviewed the Finance Committee notes on suggested repairs and estimates. Further in-depth discussion is needed with Buildings and Grounds regarding the priority of said repairs and how soon they need to be accomplished.

**Creation of a work group to investigate issues related to sale of rental property:** Bob stated that a task force will be established to explore the possibility of selling the rental property or continuing to hold onto it. Board members are encouraged to suggest names of members/friends who would be willing to assist.

**Bylaw revisions raised at the mid-year meeting:** Phrasing of treasurer term limits edited to match secretary's language.

**Reactions to mid-year breakout sessions discussed**

**Healthy Congregations:** Discussion of this book to take place at the March meeting.

Todd motioned to adjourn, and Mae seconded. The meeting ended at ~8:00 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 3, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.**