

UUFM Board Agenda Minutes
September 2, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Present:

Bob Finley, President
Todd Schweim, Vice President
Liz Kipp, Treasurer
Mae Gagnon, Secretary
Kathryn Vonderharr, Member at Large
Deb Fitzloff, Member at Large
Penny Herickhoff, President – ex officio

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.

Welcome/Check-in: Each person shared a reflection/take-away from the Board Retreat on August 28th. (No guests/visitors were present during this meeting.)

Review of agenda for additions/revisions: Bob stated the need to create a plan for group discussion of the book *Governance & Ministry*. Penny raised the topic of congregation communication with the Board, and Todd shared that the “About Us” section of the UUFM website has a contact/suggestion box now.

Vote on the Consent Agenda: Items in the Consent Agenda included August Board Minutes, Ministry Report, Treasurer’s Report, Attendance Report, Stewardship Task Force Notes, Re-opening Task Force Final Report, and Finance Committee Notes.

Todd moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Liz seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer’s Report – Liz gave a brief walkthrough of how to read the “Summary Financial Statement” and “Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2021” so that all Board members are on the same.

Ministry Highlights—Reverend Rita was not present, and this report was not further discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board acknowledged that it received a UUFM member resignation letter.

Kathryn moved to approve its acceptance and Deb seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion passed.

Re-opening policy: The Board will vote whether to re-open the church for services when there is a less than 5% COVID positivity rate for Greater Mankato (according to [COVID Act Now - Mankato Metro](#)

website) for two consecutive weeks; details on re-opening procedures will follow on the UUFM website.

Todd motioned to approve this re-opening policy and Liz seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion passed.

Fundraising proposal for projector: The Board approved Tony F. to pursue the funding strategies listed in the projector fundraising proposal.

Bob moved to approve the proposal. Todd seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion passed.

Reopening task force final report: Kathryn moved to accept the report and expressed thankfulness for the task force's hard work. Todd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Third Year Minister Renewal Plan—2021: Each Board member will respond to the seven questions listed in the "Evaluator Form for Application for Renewal of Fellowship" and send their responses to Bob by September 12th.

Book discussion of *Governance & Ministry*: Todd proposed Board members discuss the first four chapters of the text at next month's meeting. The group agreed.

Preliminary discussion of UUFM purpose, vision & what we want to be known for: It was stated that focus is needed in whatever decision is determined regarding mission and vision because UUFM cannot be diffused in its messaging. "Clarity in vision" and what the congregation stands for is crucial. A member said that the "vision stated distinctly becomes the [congregation's] living document". Suggestions for focus and mission/vision statements can be emailed to Kathryn.

Todd motioned to adjourn, and Liz seconded. The meeting ended at 7:38 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, October 7, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.