

First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2020
6:30 pm
Meeting held via Zoom due to the coronavirus pandemic

Attending: Briquet-Miller (Presiding), Hemp, Jefferson (Treasurer), Mason (ex-officio), Monarski, Maier, Stezenski-Williams, Busig and Kurth

Absent: Hall and Wright

Chalice lighting, reading, reflections: The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Briquet-Miller. The board met via a tele-meeting using Zoom due to the coronavirus pandemic. Kevin asked for comments from the Board as there was no scheduled reading.

Agenda Consent and Repair: The agenda was accepted as printed with one change. A closed session involving a personnel issue will be discussed at the end of the meeting. Sheryl Hemp will ask the congregational administrator to make paper copies of all board materials to put in the church mailboxes of all Board members. Because we are meeting remotely those materials are not available in written form to the Board.

Approval of the April 21, 2020 Minutes: Please see the report in writing. Approved by consent agenda after a motion by Jody Maier and a second from Karen Monarski.

Treasurer's Report: Please see the report in writing. Randy Jefferson also presents a verbal report. An ongoing question is whether the pandemic will effect our ongoing monthly pledges or ongoing stewardship campaign. He will keep track of the trends and information and keep us informed. At this point our church financials are doing well. Also most pledging units for the stewardship campaign have responded and he considers the campaign very successful. He will write a report of our current financials for the next Circuit Writer.

He also informs the Board that the church endowment is down 9% in value because of the current stock market fluctuations during the pandemic.

He informs the Board that the process involving Quick Books is progressing. The balance sheet and reporting are up to date. Brian Mason also reports that Danika will continue learning quick books and will use some of her continuing education funds for this process. This training and work will be done by the end of June. The treasurer's report is approved by consent agenda after a motion from Joyce Kurth and a second from Sheryl Hemp.

We also discuss the current federal PPP program. Our church has been approved for funding for the next two months.

Minister and Staff Reports: Please see reports in writing. Approved by consent agenda after a motion from Sheryl Hemp and a second from Brian Stezenski-Williams. The staff is applauded for all of their work during this pandemic.

UU Wausau Bounce Back Plan: Brian Mason presented information about the current pandemic and how this might affect our future church operations. COVID has been hard for all and has obviously greatly affected how our church is able to function. Phases of returning are discussed with no firm decision made at this time. Decisions will need to be made to create community but yet to bring people together in a safe manner.

Treasurer Time Limits: The sub-committee will continue to work on this process and present information at the next Board meeting.

Capital Campaign: Please see report in writing. Randy Jefferson states he will be meeting with the Endowment committee next week to discuss their involvement in the process.

Brian Stezenski -Williams will write the monthly Board article for the Circuit Writer.

Jody Maier made a motion and Joyce Kurth seconded that the Board enter into a closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Sheryl Hemp
Secretary