

First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 20,2021
6:30 pm

Attending: Maier (Presiding), Hemp, Jefferson (Treasurer), Hall (via zoom), Stezenski-Williams, Wright, Mason (ex-officio), Ashenbrenner and Kurth

Excused: Monarski

Guest: Roxann Bornemann

Chalice lighting, reading, reflections: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President Jody Maier. After a year of meeting via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board was finally able to meet in person. Jody read some of the UU principles and reflected on both the movie “My Octopus” and the George Floyd verdict. All commented on being able to meet back in person as a Board. Thanks to Rev. Mason for setting up the Zoom link so that Kara Hall could join us remotely.

Agenda Consent and Repair: The agenda was accepted as written after a motion was made by Brian Stezenski-Williams and a second by Dawn Ashenbrenner.

Approval of the March 16, 2021 Minutes: Please see the report in writing. One date regarding snow removal questions in the Treasurer’s report had to be changed from 2019 to 2020. Approved by consent agenda after a motion from Brian Stezenski-Williams and a second from Joyce Kurth.

A recent unanimous email vote of the Board approved Dawn Ashenbrenner to fill the Board seat of Heather Busig (who had to resign from the Board).

Treasurer’s Report: Please see the report in writing. Randy Jefferson also presents a verbal report. He is pleased to report that after a recent additional stewardship appeal that we are now at \$351,673 or 99.2% of our budget goal for the year. The treasurer’s report was approved by consent agenda after a motion from Dawn Ashenbrenner and a second from Brian Stezenski-Williams.

Minister and Staff Reports: Please see the minister’s report in writing. A repair to the parking lot is discussed and approved after a motion by Sheryl Hemp and a second from Dawn Ashenbrenner. This work by Zilisch Asphalt will commence shortly. Property committee is also working with a contractor on roof, wall and gutter repairs in the atrium area. Additional repairs to the building will be discussed in the future. The potential DRE succession plan was also discussed. Please see separate report. The first item of business was to approve members for the newly formed RE committee. The members are listed in the report. After a motion from Brian Stezenski-Williams and a second from Sheryl Hemp, the members were approved by the Board. Continued discussion will happen about the potential of a 10 hour coordinator and a 25 hour DRE. This will be a process. Approximately \$43,000 is left in this year’s budget for the DRE position. The minister and staff reports were approved by consent agenda after a motion by Sheryl Hemp and a second from Kara Hall.

Pandemic Discussion: Brian Mason reports that the partial re-opening of the church is going well. This will continue to be evaluated over time. He also updates the board on the status of video equipment to

be used in future services. Both live streaming and podcasts will be available starting the first week in May.

Nominating Committee: Please see minutes of this committee as provided by Brian Stezenski-Williams. The committee continues to work on board development issues including finding potential new members for the personnel and conflict management committees Jody Meier requests that both Josh Wright and Joyce Kurth assist in this process.

Auction/150th Anniversary (+ 1 or 2):

The ad hoc auction group will be meeting on May 11th to discuss the potential status of the auction. Sheryl Hemp will also check with the previous anniversary committee on interest in continuing to serve on this committee. It remains unclear what the status or time line of either process will be due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

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

The next Board meeting on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30pm will be held in person (with zoom access available).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm after a motion by Brian Stezenski-Williams and a second from Joyce Kurth.

Respectively submitted,

Sheryl Hemp
Acting Secretary