

First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2020
6:30 pm
Meeting held via Zoom due to the coronavirus pandemic

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

Absent: Monarski and Busig

Chalice lighting, reading, reflections: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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. All members offered condolences to Heather Busig on the death of her mother.

Agenda Consent and Repair: The agenda was accepted as printed with one special focus from the property committee. 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 at this time.

Approval of the May 19, 2020 Minutes: Please see the report in writing. Approved by consent agenda after a motion by Brian Stezenski-Williams and a second from Joyce Kurth. Hall and Wright abstained.

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.

We also discuss the current federal PPP program. A line item will be added to the budget in order to track our expenses for the correct purposes of the grant.

He informs the Board that the process involving Quick Books is progressing. The balance sheet and reporting are up to date with good reconciliation. He continues to work with Danika regarding quick books. The treasurer's report is approved by consent agenda after a motion from Joyce Kurth and a second from Brian Stezenski-Williams.

Minister and Staff Reports: Please see reports in writing. In regards to the property committee, Brian Mason will speak to them so that staff are included in future committee meetings. In addition, potential repair work on the parking lot will need to wait until the capital campaign is up and running. Approved by consent agenda after a motion from Brian Stezenski-Williams and a second from Kara Hall. The staff is applauded for all of their work during this pandemic.

UU Wausau Bounce Back Plan: We had continued discussion 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 and respectful manner. Potential ideas are to return in smaller safe groups, to meet in the

parking lot or to have church services/gatherings by appointment. Brian Mason and the staff will continue to work on formulating a plan.

Safety Discussion: Brian Mason and the staff had a safety discussion and building assessment tour with Per Mar security. They are writing up a report about suggested interventions – doors, cameras and keys, etc. Brian indicates that he has already secured partial to full funding for the project.

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

Stewardship Campaign: The campaign is closed out for the 2019-2020 year. Thanks will be sent to all participants. Brian and Randy will start working on the budget for next year.

Capital Campaign: Randy Jefferson states that a future meeting with the consultant Rachel will be held.

Heather Busig will write the monthly Board article for the Circuit Writer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. after a motion from Sheryl Hemp and Kara Hall

Respectively submitted,

Sheryl Hemp
Secretary