

First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
March 16,2021
6:30 pm
Meeting held via Zoom due to the coronavirus pandemic

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

Excused: Busig

Chalice lighting, reading, reflections: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President Jody Maier. The board met via a tele-meeting using Zoom due to the coronavirus pandemic. Jody read words from Sigurd Olson.

Agenda Consent and Repair: The agenda was accepted as written with one addition. The addition was to discuss the DRE position. A motion was made by Brian Stezenski-Williams and a second by Sheryl Hemp.

(Ongoing) During this pandemic time, the congregational administrator will 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 February 16, 2021 Minutes: Please see the report in writing. Approved by consent agenda after a motion from Brian Stezenski-Williams and a second from Kara Hall.

Treasurer's Report: Please see the report in writing. Randy Jefferson also presents a verbal report. A second round of PPP monies were applied for and received. There was also a question as to why snow removal is so expensive in the budget. It is believed that it might be a carry-over from 2020. This will be researched. The treasurer's report was approved by consent agenda after a motion from Brian Stezenski-Williams and a second from Joyce Kurth.

Minister and Staff Reports: Please see the minister's report in writing. Brian Mason indicates that our DRE Julie will be finishing some tasks before her final day. Volunteers will be taking over her tasks for the remainder of the Spring. 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 indicates that the church will open again -with precautions- on Easter Sunday. He also updates the board on the status of video equipment to be used in future services. We have the equipment but there is still a need to work out logistics between Frontier and Spectrum. Danika is working on this issue.

Nominating Committee: Please see minutes of this committee as provided by Brian Stezenski-Williams. The committee is working on board development issues including finding potential new members for the personnel and conflict management committees (the latter committee to be established again). It is decided that Board members will get the newest church directory sent to us by Danika and that board members will look for potential committee member names to send to President Jody Maier. Kara Hall will draft and Joyce Kurth will review an appeal message for volunteers to be sent to the church at large.

Stewardship: Randy Jefferson indicates that with pledges received thus far for the stewardship campaign that we are at 92% of our budget. It is hoped that some outstanding pledges will still be received or adjustments to the budget may need to be made. An appeal letter for additional pledges will be drafted by Carl Drake and Jody Maier and coordinated through Brian Mason.

Josh Wright will write the monthly Board article for the Circuit Writer.

The next Board meeting 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 Josh Wright.

Respectively submitted,

Sheryl Hemp
Acting Secretary