

AGENDA  
FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF WAUSAU  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
May 16, 2023 6:30 pm

Mission Statement: To transform ourselves and the larger community by being a bright and welcoming sanctuary of hope, compassion, service and understanding – allowing individuals of differing spiritual and religious beliefs to experience acceptance and support, a sense of belonging, and continued personal growth as part of a free-thinking, inclusive church community.

To attend: Hemp (Presiding), Stezenski-Williams, Jefferson (Treasurer), Scharpf, Hall, Leigh, Mason (ex-officio) and Ashenbrenner

Chalice lighting, reading, reflections

Agenda Consent and Repair

Approval of the April minutes, Treasurer's report, Minister's report and Committee reports (Consent agenda)

Old Business

Strategic Plan Discussion – reports of subgroups

Stewardship Process/Pledge/Budget Update and Congregation Sharing Sessions

Sabbatical Report

Property Committee Parking lot quotes and Radon status

Ongoing recruitment discussion

New Business

Upcoming CW article from Board

Adjournment

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**Present:** Dawn Ashenbrenner, Kara Hall, Sheryl Hemp, Randy Jefferson, Jeff Leigh, Karen Scharpf, Brian Stezenski-Williams

**I. Chalice Lighting/Reflections**

- Sheryl shared some reflections on the talk by Michael J. Fox at the Grand
  - Shared his thoughts about the importance of giving back to your community...just do it

**II. Agenda Consent and Repair**

- Randy made a motion to add an item under new business – create a cemetery fund as a restricted fund
- Second by Dawn, approved unanimously

**III. Approval of the March Minutes, Treasurer Report, Committee Reports**

- Motion by Randy to adjust the minutes the last two bullet points
- Second by Dawn, approved with two abstentions
- Sheryl called the question to approve the consent agenda – approved unanimously

**IV. Old Business**

- **Strategic Plan – reports of subgroups**
  - Kara reported that there is no new information for membership & engagement
  - Dawn & Brian reported that there is no new information for Board Development
  - Randy reported that the stewardship & budget group will continue to have an open session discussion before each service in May, the first 3 Sundays will deal with the same 3-4 “open questions” ....there should be two board members present each time...will use the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday to share what was heard... will offer one evening session to catch people who missed the other sessions...all of the
- **Stewardship/Pledge/Budget Update**
  - **Randy noted that everything is in the treasurers report**
- **Sabbatical Update**
  - Reverend Mason is back in Wausau and getting ready to come back
  - Sheryl, Randy and Jeff will meet with Reverend Mason on May 1 to provide an update on what’s happened since he’s been gone
  - Reverend Mason has continued to do research on our Church in Cambridge MA at the Harvard Divinity School where the archivist found 12 boxes of historical material specific to UU Wausau

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- **Other**
  - The staff are working on a gift certificate for Suzanne W
  - Motion by Randy, Second by Kara to approve the funds, approved unanimously
  - The Board will do a pot luck on May 7 to welcome Reverend Mason back
- **Property Committee**
  - There is an existing vent for radon which is already in place
  - A fan needs to be added to make it function
  - The Board supports the recommendation to get the vent working and purchase the radon reader
- **President's Report**
  - **The Sader Dinner went well**

**V. New Business**

**Cemetery Fund**

- Motion by Randy to create a restricted fund for the green cemetery efforts
- Second by Dawn, approved unanimously

**Upcoming CW Articles**

- May – Sheryl
- June – Kara
- July - Karen
- August – Jeff
- September – Dawn
- October – Brian
- November – Kara
- December – Sheryl

**VI. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn, by Kara, second by Dawn, approved unanimously