

GBAUUF Board Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2023 || 6:30 p.m.

Chair: Natalie Buhl
Vice Chair: Annette Dreier
Past Chair: Kimberly Brumm
Secretary: Renae Sohlden

Senior Treasurer: Ramona Makos
Co-Treasurer: Roz Barker
Member At Large: Carl Bennett
Member At Large: Ron Ropson

We promise to:

- Show up with our best selves, intent on listening with openness and willingness to the voices in the room and those that are not.
- Speak with an authentic voice, grounded in our lived experience, mindful of differing cultural interpretations and realities that are present.
- Honor our duty to do the work of the board and to place anti-racism, anti-oppression, and multicultural accountability at the center of that work.
- Recognize that each of us is fully human, with hurts and vulnerability, and the need to laugh and sing

Adopted December 2019 by GBAUUF board of trustees

Items in italics were action items from last month

- I. Chalice Lighting
 - A. Attendance: Natalie, Nicole, Roz, Ron, Michael, Carl, Francesca, Ramona, Annette, Rev Jim, Kim, Renae
- II. Check-In
- III. Open forum and welcome to guests
 - A. Guest(s): Michael, Francesca, Nicole
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes
 1. Motion made by Ron to accept the October minutes, Carl seconded
- V. Minister Report; see [Ministers report.pdf](#)
- VI. Discussion Agenda
 - A. Stewardship Team - see [Budget vs Actual.pdf](#)
 - Savings Acct total: \$26000
 - Checking Acct total: \$9400 plus recent deposit
 - A couple good sized pledges coming soon
 - Discussed moving some money to a 6-month CD for higher interest rate. Proposal to invest \$10k.
 - 3 more years (\$179k) remaining on commercial loan 4.45% for building. If we want \$ for capital expenditure (eg, for parking lot work), can take out line of credit at current rates, would qualify easily. Didn't talk about

amount. Could require appraisal depending on amount.

- Plan to get couple more estimates on parking lot. Discuss in spring.
- *Did Ramona update the Checking Acct balance to \$10,000 as a minimum balance? Done.*

B. Membership Team - see [Attendance.pdf](#)

1. *Natalie will ask Mary to share person by person attendance data (eg, in Google Docs).*

C. Programming Team - see [Sunday Services Team](#)

1. *Francesca will check with Jon Shelton about alternative to honorarium, since he usually declines (eg, giving away copy of his book). If he approves it, Roz will buy a copy of one of his books.*

D. Religious Enrichment Team - no report

E. Social Justice Team - see [JOSHUA Report](#)

F. Building/Facilities Team - see [Facilities Report for the October Board Meeting](#)

1. Reviewed [GBAUUF policy](#) on closing the building/canceling services for inclement weather. Natalie proposed we look at this annually going into winter season. *Natalie & Annette will discuss with Consortium this Sunday.*
2. *Did Michael install police straps? Done*
3. *Michael - buy a fire extinguisher for the ATM room where we keep gas for the lawn mower? Purchased but not installed.*
4. *Michael needs to submit receipts.*
5. Carl would like to replace the unused drinking fountain in the basement with an ornamental, recirculating fountain. It would only be run when someone's in the basement (RE person would turn on/off), and not at all in the summer. All members approved. *Carl will remove the fountain, patch the wall & touch up paint.*
6. Janice would like to donate a Leopold bench for seating in basement. All members approved.
7. *Ron will inspect eaves troughs to make sure everything is anchored properly.*

VII. Old Business

- A. *Did Francesca post on Facebook that we're seeking a childcare provider? Done.*

VIII. New Business

A. Signage next to Diane's quilts.

- a. *Natalie would like to make signs to indicate which quilts were donated, which are on loan.*

B. Childcare Provider.

- a. Natalie: Shannon Brumm expressed interest and she sent him the job description. Board members approved hiring him starting in Dec.
- b. *Francesca will put together offer letter.*

C. Special Collection Policy? - a member suggested we take up a special collection for Laundry Love. Rev Jim: Open Circle has a Share the Plate program each

month, with charities nominated. Many congregations have something similar.

a. Rev Jim will bring to next meeting Open Circle's updated Share the Plate policy for future discussion.

b. Natalie will let the member know where this stands.

D. AA weekly meeting - a local AA group is interested in using our building on Thursday nights. This is a group of 10-20 women meeting weekly, 7-8:15pm; basement ideal. Currently our fee is \$35/hr for the basement. Other groups would still be able to use the building the same evening. Would we be comfortable giving the group a key to the building? For security reasons, the front door can't be left unlocked. Individual will bring this info to the group and get back to us with decision.

E. Group accepts Renae's resignation & appoints Nicole to Secretary position.

IX. Review Action Items - see above, highlighted in orange

X. Check Out

XI. Adjourned at 7:54pm