

# GBAUUF Board Meeting Minutes

December 13th, 2023 || 6:30 p.m.

Chair: Natalie Buhl  
Vice Chair: Annette Dreier  
Past Chair: Kimberly Brumm  
Secretary: Nicole Bickham

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: Rev Jim, Nicole, Roz, Kim, Natalie, Francesca, Michael, Carl, Ron, Ramona, Annette
- II. Check-In
- III. Open forum and welcome to guests
  - A. Guest(s): Francesca, Michael
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes
    1. Motion made by Carl to accept the November minutes, Kim seconded
- V. Minister Report; see [Ministers report.pdf](#)
  - A. Highlighted record attendance of 67 on Nov 5. Overall trend is increasing attendance, with average of 60.
- VI. Discussion Agenda
  - A. Stewardship Team - see [Budget vs Actual.pdf](#)

Bank balances as of 11/30 are:

- Checking	\$15,991.48
- Reserve Fund	\$15,867.25
- Scrip Checking	\$ 925.30
- CD	\$10,000.00
- Total	\$42,784.03

- Ron asked at previous meeting about net operating income over past few yrs. Ramona looked it into it, found it is typical for us to have a negative balance at this point in the year.
- In Dec have raised about \$775 on pop-up shop, \$200 cookies, plus raffle.
- B. Membership Team - see [Attendance.pdf](#)
  - 1. Natalie asked Mary if she can share person by person attendance data (eg, in Google Docs). Mary is not comfortable currently with Google Docs. Instead, once per month she will upload her Excel doc to our Google Drive.
- C. Programming Team - see [Sunday Services Team Report](#) (dates should read 1/7, 1/14, 1/22, 1/28)
  - 1. Update from report: Steve Kring is not able to speak the 3rd Sunday of Jan. Theme is "liberating love." Natalie will arrange something to substitute (eg, recording from one of the other fellowships).
  - 2. Re alternative to honorarium for Jon Shelton: He didn't let Francesca know in advance that he was declining, so Francesca did offer it & he declined.
- D. Religious Enrichment Team - no report.
  - 1. Still looking for volunteers to assist.
- E. Social Justice Team - see [JOSHUA Report](#)
  - 1. Laurie asked in report whether we'd like to have someone present on white Christian nationalism. Ron will let Laurie know to pass along names of anyone from Joshua who could present to our fellowship, as a sermon, 5th Sunday presentation, or standalone event, on this or other topics.
- F. Building/Facilities Team - see [Facilities Report](#)
  - 1. Natalie & Annette discussed the [GBAUUF policy](#) on closing the building/canceling services for inclement weather with the Consortium. We never need to tell them if we're canceling a service because they always have their own. Natalie will follow up with Jeff from Open Circle.
  - 2. Did Michael install fire extinguisher? No, but doesn't need to be on agenda again until we start mowing again.
  - 3. Michael submitted receipts.
  - 4. Ron & Carl removed basement drinking fountain, patched the wall & touched up paint.
  - 5. Ron inspected eaves troughs & made sure everything is anchored properly.

## VII. Old Business

- A. Signage next to Diane's quilts.
  - 1. Natalie made draft of signage to indicate which quilts were donated, which are on loan, and asked the Board for input on how to make them. Natalie will send to Ron to print on labels. Kim will get art board.
- B. Childcare Provider.
  - 1. Francesca put together offer letter for Shannon Brumm, he was hired, and has already started working.

C. Special Collection Policy?

1. Rev Jim provided Open Circle's updated [Share the Plate policy](#) for future discussion. Jim explained "Share the Porch" means the group can use the building for free. Jim also said Open Circle hasn't found this has decreased contributions to the fellowship. Jim has also seen fellowships have a representative of a local organization make a brief presentation, with a special collection for that group. Currently we don't pass a basket on the 5th Sunday so we could fit it in easily here. Could look at this for 2024-25.
2. Natalie updated the member who asked about this.

VIII. New Business

- A. Discussed timing for the mid-year Town Hall Meeting. We will aim for Jan 14th, shortly after the service, for about 30 mins. **Francesca will send out slides from the last Town Hall Meeting.** Committee heads should update slides. **Natalie will write up an announcement for the Connect about this.**
- B. Should agenda/report requests & meeting minutes go directly to board members' email addresses, instead of the Board email acct? Natalie & Ramona have not been receiving them. We will keep using the Board email address. **Francesca will monitor for further issues.**

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

X. Check Out

XI. Adjourned at 7:31pm