

GBAUUF Board Meeting Agenda

July 10th, 2024 || 6:30 p.m.

Chair: Annette Dreier
Vice Chair: Nancy Jo Wilkinson
Past Chair: Natalie Buhl
Secretary: Nicole Bickham

Co-Treasurer: Ramona Makos
Co-Treasurer: Roz Barker
Member At Large: Ron Ropson
Member At Large: Melissa Rink

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: Ramona, Natalie, Rev Jim, Melissa, Nancy Jo, Roz, Annette, Ron, Nicole
- II. Check-In
- III. Open forum and welcome to guests
 - A. Guest(s): Francesca P, Michael P
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes
 1. Motion made by Ron to accept the June minutes, Roz seconded.
- V. Minister's Report; see [Minister's Report](#)
- VI. Discussion Agenda
 - A. Stewardship Team - see [Budget vs Actual](#)
 1. Bank Balances as of June 30 are as follows:
 - a. Checking: \$15,429.46
 - b. Money Market (aka Reserve): \$24,383.20
 - c. SCRIP Checking: \$1494.82
 - d. CD: \$10,293.36
 - e. Commercial loan: \$172,294.88
 2. Final operating surplus of \$3300 shows on above report, but SCRIP income is skewed because of how we record that, so the actual surplus is

more like \$2500. This will be moved to reserve (money market) account to be used for parking lot, roofing, etc.

3. Looks like our utilities are going up about \$35/month starting in 2025.
4. We received from JOSHUA a request for an additional donation towards a sponsorship for the fall gathering. We have not budgeted for this and will not do so this time. We did raise \$61 for them at the 5th Sunday meeting and will be sending that soon.

B. Membership Team - see [Attendance Report](#) and [Spreadsheet](#)

1. Our attendance numbers have held pretty steady in spite of it being summer.
2. We are looking for someone to take over Membership coordination for Mary, starting Sept 1. It could actually be more than one person, such as 2-3 people taking attendance and 1 doing the spreadsheet.
 - a) Francesca would be willing to do the spreadsheet if someone else does attendance.
 - b) We could ask Candy if greeters might be willing/able to take attendance. **Natalie will ask her, and will ask Keith & Karen, our Zoom greeters, if they can take Zoom attendance.**
 - c) Rev Jim: Who keeps tabs on people (eg, if someone hasn't attended for a while)? Francesca: It varies year to year. Sometimes Care Committee, in past Jean Wentz did it.
 - d) The New Member Breakfast may not be attached to a specific committee/person.
 - e) Natalie: [Our documents](#) show components of Membership.
 - f) Rev Jim: We also need a way to track who is attending via Zoom.

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

1. One change: on July 21st, we were going to Zoom in to another service, but they don't have tech for that day. So Natalie is working on putting something together with a video sermon from the UUA. Ron will run tech for us, Karen will be the Zoom host, we'll have music via video.
2. We have a lot of our speakers booked for the upcoming year, but we're hoping to add some more instead of Zooming in to Open Circle. The biggest challenge is finding volunteers to fill all the supporting roles.

D. Religious Enrichment Team - no report

1. RE Committee met and have plans for the new church year. Same format as in past.

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

F. Building/Facilities Team - no report

VII. Old Business

A. First Nations allyship

1. *Francesca: feedback on draft land acknowledgment?* None at all, after running 3 weeks. **Francesca will check on a minor edit, and then update the website.**

2. Nicole's update on allyship offerings: David Voelker presenting at Sunday service Nov 10, theme of Repair. This could kick off a study group on allyship, using a program produced by White Awake featuring Lyla June Johnston. That program consists of 2 x 2 hrs of videos and DV would facilitate discussion. We would like feedback from Board on in-person/online/hybrid format, # of sessions, and timing (late Nov/early Dec? Jan-Mar?) for greatest participation.
 - a) Natalie: 1 hr video + 45 mins discussion x 4 sessions. Or have people watch 2 hr segments, then come in for discussion (similar to book club). Could also screen it here and then people could come for discussion.
 - b) Timing: We discussed and agreed starting in Jan would be good. Could be Saturdays.
 - c) Nicole will check with David and report back.
- B. Thrift store summer fundraiser
1. *Did Natalie share the Eau Claire UU's timeline with Annette and Francesca? Natalie has it, yes. Natalie and Annette have been planning the event.*
 2. Rev Jim: Open Circle is doing a service auction on Oct 19th. We could come to observe if we want to see how that works. They auction off desserts, a dinner made by Rev Jim, etc. They do it annually, pre-sell tickets, have a theme. About 60% of attendees are outside the membership.
- C. Consideration of Lifetime Membership Status (Ramona, Annette)
1. Consideration of changing the language in the Bylaws
 - a) *The Board planned to circle back to discussing Inactive Member description. Potential wording: A Member who has not made a financial contribution of record for the current fiscal year. A Member may also become Inactive upon written notice to the Minister or Secretary of the Fellowship.*
 - b) See [last month's minutes](#) for more details about our previous discussions.
 2. Annette: Our Bylaws state you become a member by making a pledge (whether or not fulfilled) and signing the book. Voting members have to have made a contribution in the fiscal year. Inactive membership means someone hasn't contributed for 2 yrs. Maybe we don't need to change the Bylaws. How do we actually use the Inactive category?
 3. After discussing, we decided, in the definition of Active Voting Member, **Annette will remove "fiscal year" and specify "contribution of record in the previous 2 years." We will also change Lifetime Member as follows: "An Active Member who has been elevated by the Board to honorary status without the duties or responsibilities of, but retaining the rights of, Active Voting status."**

VIII. New Business

- A. Francesca: Monthly Board message signups
- IX. Review Action Items - see above, highlighted in orange
- X. Check Out
- XI. Adjourned at 7:53 pm (Roz, Natalie).