

GBAUUF Board Meeting Minutes

November 13th, 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: Rev. Jim, Annette Dreier, Ramona Makos, Melissa Rink, Ron Ropson, Roz Barker, Nicole Bickham
- 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 Nicole to accept the Oct minutes, Melissa seconded.
- V. Minister's Report not done yet
- VI. Discussion Agenda
 - A. Stewardship Team - see [Budget vs Actual](#)
 1. Expenses look low right now because we haven't paid insurance yet.
 2. Bank Balances as of 10/31/24:
 - a) Checking: \$11,512.59
 - b) Money Market: \$26,953.58
 - c) CD: \$10,462.06
 - d) Scrip Checking: \$376.36
 - e) Building Loan: \$168,954.49
(almost 7 yrs in on 15-yr loan; rate will change in 2025)
 - B. Membership Team - see [Attendance Report](#)
 1. Note that Francesca included percent of members in this month's stats.
 2. It appears there hasn't been communication between Mary and the

greeters and attendance taking has been haphazard sometimes. Only gets taken if Candy is here. Not everyone signs in and greeters don't always make sure people do. So we think some of these numbers are underestimates.

- a) We discussed doing a head count rather than a sign-in sheet but there are advantages of knowing who's coming/not. Some churches pass a clipboard down the aisles. Or we could focus on having visitors sign in (and get name tags etc) and do a head count for overall attendance.

(1) Francesca will make signage for the visitor table in time to start the 1st Sunday of Dec.

- b) We might want to meet with the greeters to discuss. We're not doing a great job of welcoming new people.
- c) It also helps to have members sit in front so there's more room for visitors in the back.

3. LaPlants are interested in membership.

4. Roz: Should we ask for a membership person?

- a) Annette will write up something and give to Francesca for the Connect.

5. *Full board: revisit how the new attendance system is going and whether we can generate a list of repeat visitors for Rev Jim to contact.*

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

1. Natalie reports: Brad shared he found a young man interested in playing piano each Sunday. Dylan will be here to play this Sunday. We previously discussed \$50/Sunday. Are we ready to give Brad / Dylan the okay?

Should we wait until after Sunday to discuss?

- a) No, we'd like to see how Dylan melds with the other musicians, discuss next month or via email.

D. Religious Enrichment Team - no report

1. Re: helpers still needed for Dec? Francesca has included in announcements. Still need 2nd person someone Dec 1.

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

F. Building/Facilities Team - no report

1. *Did Michael look into getting keys for the riot bars? Michael meeting with locksmith tomorrow.*

2. *Ron: if we want to remove the A/C unit in the kitchen, we would have to call an HVAC company. We decided to get an estimate.*

- a) **Ron will get an estimate.**

3. Ron turned off outdoor spigot.

4. Michael hasn't been able to reach the person who plowed our parking lot in the past. Starting to look for someone else. **Michael will follow up.**

5. In spring 2025 board will revisit service agreement for HVAC systems and consider paying for 1 inspection per year instead of renewing the contract.

6. We had fall clean-up since last meeting. Good turnout, did neighborhood cleanup as well, finished early.

VII. Old Business

A. PROPOSAL for First Nations allyship series for 2025

1. facilitated by David Voelker (assisted by Nicole)
2. 4 x 90-min meetings over 5 wks on Thursdays
 - a) Jan 9 intro in person
 - b) Jan 16 Zoom, after people watch 1st 2-hr video at their own pace
 - c) Jan 30 Zoom, after people watch 2nd 2-hr video at their own pace
 - d) Feb 6 wrap-up in person
3. Videos come from a White Awake course, Forging Settler/Indigenous Alliances, featuring Dr. Lyla June Johnston. They are freely available, but we would want to pass the basket and make a donation.
4. Capacity: 14 (if there are spots remaining, offer to JOSHUA members?)
5. BUT... is this the right timing??
 - a) Alternatively, we could co-facilitate a discussion of the book *Hospicing Modernity: Facing Humanity's Wrongs and the Implications for Social Activism* by Dr. Vanessa Machado De Oliveira, a founding member of the [Decolonial Futures Collective](#).
 - b) Or maybe the fellowship would be better served by delaying this for now and focusing on the JOSHUA training Laurie mentioned at the post-election listening session? This is likely happening Jan 9 or 16.
6. Strategic Planning will be active in Jan. We agreed **David & Nicole will look at Feb/March dates, and David will mention possibility of series in his talk Sun.**

B. Child care

1. **Did Ramona or Annette talk to Frances about being sub?**
2. **Did Annette remind Shannon to email Frances and cc Annette for this in the future?**
3. **Did Annette restart staff reviews?**

C. Loitering issue

1. Did Ron & Michael turn off the circuit to the outdoor outlets? No. We decided not to bother with this as it hasn't had intensive use.
2. It appears no one is staying here currently, so no further action is needed at this time.
3. Natalie started a Google Doc where we can log our observations. We'll continue to use that going forward.

D. Ramona heard from the people managing the placement of a US Cellular tower in our neighborhood. They are already working with someone else for a placement and we are on a contact list if that falls through.

VIII. New Business

- A. Roz: We could look into becoming a polling place. Roz will look into this.
- IX. Review Action Items - see above, highlighted in orange
- X. Check Out
- XI. Adjourned at 7:46pm. (Ron, Annette).