

GBAUUF Board Meeting Minutes

July 9th, 2025 | 6:30 p.m.

Chair: Tim West
Vice Chair: Carl Bennett
Past Chair: Annette Dreier
Secretary: Nicole Bickham

Co-Treasurer: Ramona Makos
Co-Treasurer: Ron Ropson
Member At Large: Melissa Rink
Member At Large: Jim Brey

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: Tim West, Annette Dreier, Ramona Makos, Melissa Rink, Carl Bennett, Ron Ropson
- II. Check-In
- III. Open forum and welcome to guests
 - A. Guest(s): Michael P, Francesca P, Calvin McMillan
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes
 1. Motion made by Carl Bennett to accept the June minutes, Annette seconded.
 2. [Per Annette's request, Calvin's presentation regarding the parking lot moved up to here - he is proposing to resurface the parking lot. Showed pictures related to a drive way he put in for his daughter. He is pitching to do the work to repair the parking lot. He is proposing to do a small portion, starting with the doorway so we can see it. He thinks it will cost under \$10K to do the whole parking lot. Calvin - did a gray house on Webster - he did driveway on both sides of the house - where the white church is at - Francesca and Carl seem to know where this is. Question - what licenses or certifications should someone have for this type of work? He currently has no insurance and would be doing the work on his own.
Calvin to put together a written proposal]
- V. **Minister's Report** [Permission problem with opening. Tim to send out the report that Francesca provided when he sends out the minutes]

VI. Discussion Agenda

- A. Stewardship Team - see [Financial Report](#) [Ramona to take the excess funds and allocate to building]
 - 1. Bank Balances as of July 3rd are as follows:
 - a) Checking: \$15,532
 - b) Reserve Funds: \$38,502
 - c) Commercial loan: \$161,974
 - 2. Ramona created account for us at Bookshop.org. Ramona & Nicole met on June 18 to start setting it up. (See it [here!](#)) We are coordinating with other groups within the fellowship to create book lists. Francesca provided graphics and shared the link in the Connect and on Facebook. We will earn a 10% commission on all books purchased, processed via Stripe. Members can also create private wishlists & registries to share with friends and family (eg, for gift giving).
- B. Membership Team - see [Attendance Report](#) and [Caring Committee Report](#) [Question about giving Jim Kwik Trip gift cards - consensus is no. Ramona to contact Candy and let her know.]
- C. Programming Team - see [Sunday Services Team Report](#) [Soul Matters is ordered and Francesca to send it to Sunday Services Team and Chalice Circles. RE goes to Jim.][Annette will continue to work with UCC and Tobias and Katy as far as coordinating teen RE] [Annette will contact Margaret to determine where the teacher for RE stands]
- D. Religious Enrichment Team - no report
- E. Social Justice Team - no report (summer break)
- F. Building/Facilities Team - see [Facilities Report](#) [Ron to put together samples of the wood options]
 - 1. Did Michael ask what the cost would be to do HVAC inspections every other year, and whether we lose any benefits (eg, no-weekend charge) if we cancel our maintenance contract? [Still open with Michael]

VII. Old Business

- A. Post-Consortium updates: Did Natalie ask Fox Valley ministers if they have some flexibility for the months that we have already scheduled someone on the Sunday they offered to speak? [Have the signed agreement and the ministers are on the schedule.]
- B. Did Francesca update bylaws on the website with recently approved changes?
- C. Prioritizing [strategic planning goals](#). Did Annette ask Katie & Sydney to work with her on the Membership portion? [Annette has finished this]
- D. Did Roz & Annette talk to the Dairy Queen owner to get more info about their offer to purchase some of our lot? [Has been turned over to Roz. Mr. Patel is going to contact someone to measure the portion of the land he wants to purchase. The bank loan guy said that even if we sold it, it won't impact the mortgage. Annette to let Roz know that she can't commit to anything because it is all subject to Member vote]

- E. *Did Annette meet with the member whose group is behind on rental payments to talk about back payment, and revisit the frequency of reservations? [The payments have been largely caught up. We will not ask her to pay June. **Ramona to contact her and let her know.** Annette recommends that Ramona text her that she can start fresh as of July 1.]*
- F. *Did Ramona write something up for the Connect seeking leader for soffit and fascia repair? [No. **Ron to contact companies for an estimate**]*
- G. *Anyone able to be secretary sub for Aug? Similar to this month, Nicole can mostly prep the agenda, but won't be able to distribute it or take minutes. Nicole has developed a "[cheat sheet](#)" with instructions. Natalie previously said she is willing to be back-up. [**Tim will do it again**]*

VIII. New Business

- A. Calvin created a process we might be able to use to repair our parking lot. He will bring pictures of his work. [[See above](#)]
- B. Sign up with Francesca for next round of monthly Board email messages. [[Done](#)]
- C. Reminder to incoming Board members, please get a short bio to Francesca for the website. [[Complete](#)]
- D. When should we review members who are no longer active? [[UUA likes to have an updated list in August.](#) **Ramona has a list of people and will bring it for the next meeting.**]

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

X. Check Out

XI. Motion to adjourn - Carl, Seconded by Ron

XII. Adjourned at 7:54 p.m.