

# GBAUUF Board Meeting Minutes

August 13, 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, Ramona Makos, Jim Brey, Melissa Rink, Carl Bennett, Ron Ropson
- II. Check-In
- III. Open forum and welcome to guests
  - A. Guest(s): Michael P, Francesca P, Hannah Villnave (hannah@fvuuf.org)
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes
    1. Carl made motion to accept the July minutes; Ramona seconded; Motion passed.
- V. Minister's Report
  - A. *Did Tim send out last month's Minister's report that Francesca provided? **Yes.***
- VI. Discussion Agenda
  - A. Stewardship Team - see [Financial Report](#)
    1. Bank Balances as of Aug 6th are as follows:
      - a) Checking: \$12,436
      - b) Reserve Funds: \$38,580
      - c) Commercial loan: \$160,211
    2. The 6-month CD that came due in June was converted to a 9-month CD so that the CD's would be staggered. **Tim had a question on the amount of the total budget which is \$85K based on total expenses.**

- B. Membership Team - see [Attendance Report](#) Need to request access from Nicole.
  - 1. *Did Ramona contact Candy to let her know Board's position on Kwik Trip cards for Jim? She did and it was received well.*
  - 2. *Candy reports the Caring Committee has been providing meals for the Janquarts, making a few phone calls to check on members, and distributing gift cards to a couple members as needed. They are working on a birthday gathering for two long-time members who are not able to attend services in person. No action needed.*
- C. Programming Team - see [Sunday Services Team Report](#)
  - 1. *Did Francesca send Soul Matters to Sunday Services Team and Chalice Circles? She will send them out as they come out. She made a folder on Google Drive. There may be a change in the evening Chalice leadership. Francesca will square it away.*
  - 2. *Any updates from Annette about working with UCC and Tobias and Katy to coordinate teen RE? Francesca - would like to know when they are meeting. Continued as Annette was not present.*
  - 3. *Did Annette contact Margaret to determine where the teacher for RE stands? Ramona is thinking that Alisa will lead it.*
- D. Religious Enrichment Team - no report. *Carl's Sangha on every other Friday. Seems to be going well.*
- E. Social Justice Team - no report (summer break)
- F. Building/Facilities Team - see [Facilities Report](#)
  - 1. *Did Ron put together samples of the wood options? Medium Brown Barnyard Shiplap option seems the best. Cost would be around \$300. Carl made motion to buy the materials, Jim seconded. Motion passed.*
  - 2. *Did Ron contact companies for estimates on soffit & fascia repair? Still open.*
  - 3. *Mower broke - using one of Ron's old mowers. Ron had costs for cordless self-propelled Lawn Mower - Ron will check on repairs and whether any rebates are available. We will take this up again next month.*

## VII. Old Business

- A. Calvin submitted on July 13th a [written proposal](#) for the parking lot work, as requested by the board at the last meeting. He then proceeded to begin the work without approval, some time before the evening of July 16th.
  - 1. He submitted [a second proposal](#) on about July 26. *We are going to decline to go with his proposal. We will revisit the issue of resealing. Previously it was around \$10-\$13K. Ramona to reach out to see what the cost would be. Tim to talk to Calvin.*
- B. *Did Francesca update bylaws on the website with recently approved changes? Done.*

- C. *Did Annette let Roz know that she can't commit to anything re: the Dairy Queen land offer because it is subject to Member vote? Continued as Annette was not present.*
- D. *Did Ramona contact the member whose group was behind on rental payments to say they can start fresh as of July 1? Done.*
- E. Ramona provided this list of inactive members to review: Geeta Tilot, Rierdons(?), Sara Lam, Kiel Harrell, Tanya Mels, Nathan Knudson, Renae Sohlden, Denise Jacobs, Brad Terrell, Barb Brown, Vesper Stanford. *The Membership committee and the Treasurer work together to determine whether members should be inactive due to lack of attendance, lack of financial contribution. This is the list they came up with. Carl made motion to inactive all of the above members, Ron seconded, and the Motion passed.*

#### VIII. New Business

- A. Discussion of Katina's interactions with man who showed up at July 27 service with megaphone? (See her email forwarded to board members on July 29.) *No action needed.*
- B. The Green Team would like to install plant labels in the food forest. Natalie obtained a [quote from Lark Signs](#), the company Seymour Park's food forest used, for 3"x1" labels on 10" ground stakes. (See examples on their [website](#) for Classic Markers.) Total cost is \$315.20, which would come from our grant funds. *We are seeking Board approval to spend these funds. Carl made motion, Jim seconded, Motion passed.*
- C. Quickbooks accounting subscription price increase. We currently pay \$1000, going up to \$1242.00 as of September. *Ramona looked at moving it over to TechSoup. This is less than \$200/year. Carl made motion, Ron seconded, it Motion passed. Ramona will move QB to monthly, and will order TechSoup version of QB.*
- D. *Hannah has proposed to meet with some subsection of the Board to have discuss Fellowship planning - Open to all Board. Will be at the 5 year horizon, growth, money, etc. Town Hall data. Tim to get with Natalie and Annette.*
- E. *Jim changed email - jbre419@gmail.com*

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

X. Check Out

XI. Motion to adjourn --, Seconded by -- *Ron made motion, Jim seconded, Motion Passed.*

XII. Adjourned at -- *pm 7:55*