

GBAUUF Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 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, Nicole Bickham
- II. Check-In
- III. Open forum and welcome to guests
 - A. Guest(s): Michael P, Francesca P, Hannah Villnave
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes
 1. Ron made motion to accept the Aug minutes; Carl seconded.
- V. Discussion Agenda
 - A. Stewardship Team - see [Financial Report](#)
 1. Bank Balances as of Sept 3rd are as follows:
 - a) Checking: \$13,163
 - b) Reserve Funds: \$37,439
 - c) Commercial loan: \$160,211
 2. Out of the Reserve Funds we paid \$778 for a lawn mower and batteries (a donation for \$250 for the mower will go back into the Reserve Funds), and \$443 for a new printer. Our remaining Reserve Fund balances are as follows:
 - a) Grounds (Parking Lot) \$13,175
 - b) Building (roof, floor) \$11,250
 - c) Facility Equip (AV, computer, printer) \$1,556.91

- d) Maint Equip \$572.20
 - e) Operating \$8,000
 - f) Unallocated \$2,885.21
- 3. Ron asked about Fair Market Value of property. Ramona says it's more than \$309,000.
- B. Membership Team - see [Attendance Report](#)
 - 1. Caring Committee has been active: providing meals to Janquarts, responding to another request for meals, and working to arrange rides for a member who recently lost the ability to drive.
 - 2. Annette is currently the only person on membership. Katie had to pull back in order to work with teens. Annette would like more guidance about whether we want to take attendance. Francesca: it's a lot of work, but it does help us notice when people come for a while then don't. Annette will focus on talking with newer people. Francesca suggests asking how they found us.
 - 3. Ramona will sell SCRIP so Annette is freed up to talk with new people.
 - 4. Cards for new visitors? We have cards and stamp already. Annette will send cards to first-time visitors.
- C. Programming Team - see [Sunday Services Team Report](#)
 - 1. Updates from Francesca on Chalice Circle leadership? There's an evening group, daytime group (about 6 people according to Ramona), and a drop-in journey group.
 - 2. We think the new pianist will be back weekly.
 - 3. Any updates from Annette about working with UCC and Tobias and Katy to coordinate teen RE? Yes, they're all set up and ready to go, starting this Sunday.
 - 4. Any updates or loose ends regarding RE teacher(s)? Alyssa leading? Yes.
- D. Religious Enrichment Team - no report.
- E. Social Justice Team - see [Social Justice Team Report](#)
 - 1. Discussion of request for use of space for WUUSAN at no cost: All in favor, none opposed to allowing them to use the space for free. Francesca suggests we have them send volunteers for set-up and clean-up.
- F. Building/Facilities Team - no separate Facilities Report
 - 1. Since the last meeting, Board agreed to purchase new electric mower to replace the donated mower that stopped working. Ron purchased mower and extra batteries from Menards. Everyone says it's working great, and is quiet.
 - 2. After Ron's Sept/Oct trip, he plans to purchase the boards for the wall in the rear of the sanctuary.
 - 3. Did Ron contact companies for estimates on soffit & fascia repair?

VI. Old Business

A. Parking lot improvements

1. Tim notified Calvin we declined his proposal.
2. Ramona shared copies of previous (2023 & 2024) estimates for parking lot repair with board members and guests. We have \$13-\$17k available for the project.
 - a) Asphalt Seal & Repair: Ramona isn't too confident in the method they describe.
 - b) 2nd one too expensive.
 - c) AC Asphalt: Their method seems more appropriate, and cost was within our budget, but the estimate is now 2 years old.
 - (1) Ramona will request an updated estimate, and ask how long the process takes, and how much advance notice we'll receive.
 - (2) Annette will check bylaws about whether we will need to call a membership meeting to vote on the expenditure, given that we've already budgeted for this.

B. Re: the Dairy Queen land offer: Annette hasn't heard anything back on this. But Roz knows she can't commit to anything without coming to board.

C. Did Ramona move Quickbooks to monthly, and order TechSoup version of QB? Yes.

VII. New Business

A. The basement leaked twice in August. Ron identified the leak as being at the seam between the floor and walls. He did extensive work to dry out carpet, estimating at least 3 gallons of water had soaked into the carpet/foam underlayment. 2nd leak was minor. Drain tile clogged? Repairing could be cost prohibitive.

1. Ramona noticed the downspout was disconnected. Ron will fix that (and he has in the past).
2. Ron suggests we get an estimate from a professional re: drain tile, re-sealing joint between the floor and walls, etc. Michael will get a quote.

B. Board has begun meeting with Rev Hannah from FVUUF. At first meeting on Aug 24th, we discussed the fellowship's history, questions we have for our future. Also talked about trends affecting fellowships, such as increased stress on parents. On 9/10, we discussed Strengths, Weaknesses, Threats, and Opportunities.

C. Nicole would like to clarify who should be receiving the call for monthly reports for RE: Margaret Krings; and also whether anyone on the Board is having trouble accessing reports. Also should Hannah receive agendas? Yes (hannah@fvuuf.org). Nicole updated the distribution lists.

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

IX. Check Out

X. Motion to adjourn Carl, Seconded by Jim. Adjourned at 7:24 pm.