

GBAUUF Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.

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

Co-Treasurer: (open)
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, Nicole Bickham, Carl Bennett, Ron Ropson, Annette Dreier
- II. Check-In
- III. Open forum and welcome to guests
 - A. Guest(s): Hannah Villnave, Francesca P, Michael
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes
 1. Carl made motion to accept the March minutes; Annette seconded. Passed unanimously.
- V. Discussion Agenda
 - A. Stewardship Team - see [Financial Report](#)
 1. Bank Balances as of 3-31-2026
 - a) Checking \$13,065
 - b) MM Checking \$15,882
 - c) CD \$10,513
 - d) Commercial Loan \$153,908
 - e) Reserve funds (MM+CD) \$26,395
 2. Did Tim talk about the co-treasurer position with Topher? Yes, and Topher said he's willing to consider.
 3. Did Ron send the PDF of the pledge form to Francesca? Yes.
 4. Discuss whether we can reallocate what we didn't spend on an RE

teacher this year toward the new position. **Ron will ask Ramona if that can be done.**

a) Re the Congregational Life position: **Tim will email Francesc language for posting.** (Link to job description [here.](#))

5. Thrift Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th
6. Tim knows someone who lives in AZ and does bookkeeping for non-profits. If we end up needing to pay someone, we could pursue that.

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

1. 4 new members will sign the book on April 12: Aubrey Immel, Jen Huss, John Sanda, Erika Jensen. (Erika & John attended the New to UU Class)
2. As of April 12, total adult members: 83
3. Caring Committee brought 2 meals to sick member(s), checked on a few who hadn't been to the Fellowship for a while.

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

1. Note the questions the SS team posed to us about next year's services. The Board likes the idea of continuing the Open Circle arrangement, and we've also discussed options for continuing a contract with Fox Valley. **Nicole will pass this along to Natalie.**

D. Religious Enrichment Team - no **RE Report**

1. Did Annette talk to Jim, to get ideas for a modified job description for the RE leader? No, but we have an applicant who has quite a bit of experience, so this may not be necessary.
2. Francesca started advertising internally for the position. An applicant will be interviewed soon.

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

F. Building/Facilities Team - no separate **Facilities Report**

1. Ron and Roz rearranged area outside office & welcome table.
2. Ron replaced the defective light switch in the basement.
3. Did Michael get quotes re: drain tile, re-sealing joint between the floor and walls, etc.? It hasn't leaked again in spite of some heavy rains. So we're tabling this.
4. Did Annette get Ron the dimensions and details of how the quilt she donated is hung so Ron can figure out how to hang it? Yes, and it's hung.
5. Table till spring 2027: Ron will contact companies for estimates on soffit & fascia repair. Ron also thinks the roof looks pretty good so won't likely need attention in the next couple yrs.

VI. Old Business

A. Peter Mayer event April 17:

1. Did Carl ask Carrie when she will make her donation, and when Peter needs to be paid? We'll have the donation from her by next Tues.
2. Annette willing to open the building for Peter on the Thurs before the event for setting up his equipment. Carl will to do it.
3. Carrie willing to keep track of registrations. *Did Francesca talk to Carrie?*

4. Did Francesca get details to Hannah so it can be advertised at FVUU?
Yes.
5. Francesca will print a suggested donation sign with our Venmo info & QR code for donations. Board voted all in favor of \$20-30 suggested donation.
- B. *Did Tim contact Shannon to schedule an employee review?* Tim did the review with Francesca already.
- C. *Any updates from Jim & Roz on Green Sanctuary status?*
- D. Did Tim look into Legacy Giving Program? Yes, see [attached](#).
 1. Fox Valley provides sample codicils people can use in their documents.
 2. We'll revisit this again in 2 months (June), in hopes that by then we have a co-treasurer to implement.
- E. Tim will review rental agreement.

VII. New Business

- A. Francesca will be out of town mid-May
- B. Annette will email Spiritual Journey group info to Francesca to add it to the order of service
- C. Carl would like to remove the fountain from the basement.
- D. Dorothy has volunteered to replace the cushions in the chairs, a few per week. Ramona has a source of the foam.

VIII. Review Action Items (highlighted above in orange)

IX. Check Out

X. Carl moves to adjourn, seconded by Annette. All in favor. Adjourned at 7:29 pm.