GBAUUF Board Meeting Minutes

June 10, 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, Jim Brey, Ron Ropson, Annette Dreier (Quorum Met)
II. Check-In
III. Open forum and welcome to guests
   A. Guest(s): Hannah Villnave, Francesca, Michael P, Ramona, Laura Schoff

IV. Consent Agenda
   A. Minutes
      1. Annette made motion to accept the May minutes; Ron seconded. Passed unanimously.
V. Discussion Agenda
   A. Annual Meeting Resolutions
      - Resolved, that the Board approves the proposed agenda for the 2026 Annual Meeting, limited to ordinary Annual Meeting business within the notice: call to order, confirmation of notice and quorum, acceptance of prior minutes, reports, review and approval of the proposed annuall budget, Board elections, other Fellowship business properly before the membership, and adjournment. Annette motioned, Ramona seconded, passed.
      1. Resolved, that the Board acknowledges that the 2026 Annual Meeting is being held in June rather than May, recognizes this as a timing irregularity under Article V, Section 4, and directs the Chair to state this on the record at the Annual Meeting and proceed with ordinary Annual Meeting business, subject to any point of order or appeal." Ron motioned, Jim seconded, passed.
      2. Resolved, that because the Annual Meeting notice did not include the substance

of any proposed bylaw amendments, bylaw amendments shall not be presented for final action at the Annual Meeting. Members may discuss possible bylaw changes or refer them to the Board for future consideration. Jim motioned, Annette seconded, passed.

3. Resolved, that proxies shall be counted only if submitted by an Active Voting Member, held by an Active Voting Member, and used only for predefined issues properly within the Annual Meeting notice, including the proposed annual budget and Board elections. Proxies shall not be counted for bylaw amendments, floor amendments, surprise motions, or new business not identified in the notice.
4. Resolved, that the Board confirms the proposed slate of nominees for Board positions and directs the Chair to allow additional nominations from Active Voting Members at the Annual Meeting as required by the Bylaws. Jim motioned, Annette seconded, passed.
5. Went through the slides and assigned responsibility.

B. Facilities update: Ron unstuck the doors.

C. Remaining agenda items (below) were deferred. Jim made motion to adjourn; Ron seconded, motion passed.

D. CLS Position: Tim notified applicants that Aubrey was selected. Board members agreed (via email between meetings) on July 1 start date.
   1. Ron sent employment offer to Aubrey Monday. Ron will notify the Board when she signs it and work with her to schedule completing paperwork.
   2. Ron created a folder Board > Congregational Life Specialist. Placed position/success document, Aubrey's Resume, and the offer letter there. Ron will move to the Personnel folder once he has read/write privileges. (Can Ramona provide this? Francesca?)

E. Stewardship Team - see **Financial Report**
   1. Updated budget here for Board approval/recommendation. Will be presented to congregation at annual meeting Sunday.
   2. Bank Balances as of 5/29/26:
      a) Checking $18,040
      b) MM Reserve Funds $27,224 ($10,580 in one CD w rates 4.16%)
      c) Loan Balance $152,084 (4.45%)
   3. *Did Ron talk to Topher about co-treasurer position?*
   4. *Did Ron submit our UUA pledge?*
   5. *Did Ramona & Ron get information to Roz she requested about people who haven't donated in past 2 yrs?*

F. Membership Team - see **Attendance Report**
   1. Caring Committee made a few phone calls checking on people. Candy would like to purchase plaques & cards for Caregivers (Donna, Terry, Chip), to give them privately. "If you can think of anybody else, let me know." (Nicole wonders if they might prefer something simpler, like just a card, or a card & a gift card for take-out food? What do others think?)

G. Programming Team - see **Sunday Services Team Report**

H. Religious Enrichment Team - no RE Report

I. Social Justice - no separate Social Justice Team Report
    1. Migration Advocacy Food Tiger Team Organizing Meeting
    2. 5th Sunday speaker on Far Maps ("thank you Annette")
J. Building/Facilities Team - no Facilities Report

VI. Old Business
  A. *Re: Green Sanctuary status: Did Jim follow up?*
  B. *Did Tim review the rental agreement? Francesca would like it rewritten to be shorter.*
  C. Is Annette still looking for people to take over child care contact person for Shannon, and to fill in when he can't be here?
  D. Review plans for annual meeting
    1. *Did Tim & Annette work on slides for the annual meeting?*
    2. *Did Annette write an announcement and give it to Francesca for the Connect?*
  E. *Did Carl email Roz details to send to new members about June 7th lunch?*
    1. Reminder to Board that we decided CLS person could take this on: (a) add a field in Breeze to track photo releases; (b) fold it into the membership process, RE enrollment, etc. (c) make special name tags to be used at events by people who DON'T want to be photographed.

VII. New Business
  A. Natalie forwarded a message from Carrie Arnold about an opportunity to host a concert. See attached explanation.
  B. Melissa Chan is interested in starting a discussion group at the Fellowship. Details here.
  C. Fine to table till July if needed, as ideal time might be fall anyway: David & Nicole are interested in facilitating a film screening & discussion using the film The Eternal Song, part of a film series called Ancestral Wisdom for Collective Healing. Film trailer & info here. Cost is $50 for non-profits and faith communities, for a maximum of 25 "guests" (so presumably doesn't include facilitators and people running tech or opening/closing the building). Nicole is willing to donate the screening cost on behalf of the Fellowship. Nicole willing to handle registration (tracking of RSVPs). Is this a permissible use of the space?

VIII. Review Action Items (highlighted above in orange)
IX. Check Out
X. -- moves to adjourn, seconded by --. All in favor. Adjourned at -- pm.