

**KEWEENAW UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES (final)
April 16, 2023**

Meet at St. Matthew Chapel – Finlandia Campus OR by Zoom

Reviewed: Elen, Jenn, Elaine

Board members present: Elen Maurer, Horst Schmidt, Lora Repp, Elaine Eikenberry, Cindy Enderby, Jenn Donovan, Peter Ekstrom, Joan Chadde

Absent:

Ex-Officio: Stacy Craig

Guests: Miriam Pickens, Jane Pallin, Ana Dryeson and Eldon, Allan Baker,

Preamble

1. Chalice lighting
2. Agenda addenda/changes

Fiduciary and Regular Business

Consensus agenda:

1. Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2023

Jenn moved and Cindy seconded. Unanimous approval of the minutes.

2. Treasurer's report

We are behind \$10K on pledges.

Lora moved and Pete seconded, and all unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report.

Strategic Work

1. Minister's Report (Stacy)

Provided some observations regarding owning a building. It often happens that maintenance becomes too much, or key congregation members leave making it difficult to continue to manage the building, and often succeeds when there are strong partnerships for building use.

2. Draft Canvass budget

Cindy incorporated all the Committee input to create a draft 2023-24 budget. She is lacking some data.

There is a surplus remaining in this year's budget due to not hiring a full-time minister. There was discussion on how to manage the surplus:

- Consider creating an endowment
- Use it to invest in our community. Make sizable contributions to organizations or campaigns that the Fellowship supports, as a way to increase visibility of KUUF.

Discussed how much to reduce our Canvass budget goal for 2023-24 in consideration of not having a full-time minister. Lora clarified that Canvass is to raise funds for operating expenses, so we would want Fellowship support to repurpose Canvass income..

Jenn moved and Pete seconded a new canvass goal of \$7K (down from \$96K for the current year). Unanimously approved.

3. Finlandia Chapel updates – next steps?

The Board toured the St. Matthew's Chapel at the start of the meeting, along with several members of the Fellowship. The estimated cost to purchase the building is thought to be in the high \$200K. There would be an additional cost to add a parking area nearby.

What are next steps– We need more information on:

Maintenance costs

What parking comes with the building purchase

Paul Mitchell is in direct contact with the realtor and will keep us updated.

The Board is agreeable to attending additional meetings in the next month and acting quickly, if needed.

4. General Assembly (GA) and Midwest region delegates/ part-time Ministry webinar

Cindy moved, Lora seconded that Horst will be the KUUF delegate to the Midwest Regional webinar.

Option to only attend business meetings and vote. Elen will consider attending.

Stacy Craig can cast a vote for KUUF at GA. We get 2 additional votes– Harriet King

Elen will put an offer to members to attend at no cost and vote.

Part-time Ministry webinar will be May 13, noon-5 pm. Perhaps Elen or Elaine may be able to attend the webinar.

5. KUUF-sponsored Cub Scout troop update

Cub Scout troop is meeting at BHK every Thursday.

The Board heard about an incident which led to the dismissal of an adult leader of our sponsored Cub Scout troop. Our liaison Melissa acted exactly as needed.

6. Land acknowledgement review

Elen mentioned that our Land Acknowledgement while adequate could be reviewed. Elaine and Joan, will discuss how to approach this and make recommendations.

7. Group read? (new Board?)

The Worship Committee will be engaging in a June-August exploration of multicultural worship using the 2022-2023 UUA Common Read: *Congregations on the Road to Multiculturalism*

Stacy will also recommend some books for a Board group read this summer.

8. Licensing Program for Music (Sandra)

Sandra & Worship Committee have explored options for a streaming license over zoom. We have purchased a \$350 license from Christian Copyright Solutions. Requires quarterly reporting of songs used. We are pleased to know that we will be compensating songwriters. If there was a complaint that we had acted illegally— a very miniscule risk— for streaming music over zoom we would likely receive only a cease & desist letter, and be required to correct. We would also have the option to post a live recording on our website.

9. Other: Take over Janeen's tasks while she steps back

Discussed how Janeen's tasks in the Fellowship will be taken over by others while while Janeen steps back for a few months. Elen will ask congregation in Digest if anyone can summarize the Econo receipts.

10. Next meeting, May 21 (Joan cannot attend)

