

**KEWEENAW UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP  
BOARD MEETING**

**Aug 20, 2023 12:30**

**Zoom: Link:**

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**AGENDA**

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***Preamble***

1. Chalice lighting
2. Present: Elen Maurer, John Gale, Jane Pallin, Lora Repp, Melissa Williamson, Pete Ekstrom.
3. Guest Paul Mitchell.
4. Absent Stacy Craig, Cindy Enderby.
5. Agenda addenda/changes

***Fiduciary and Regular Business***

Consensus agenda:

1. Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2023 motion to approve- Horscht seconded-Jane-Approved.
2. Treasurer's report-None available today.

***Strategic Work***

1. **Building Search:** Melissa requested an update regarding 604 Bridge Street property as the building search committee has noticed that its renovation progress is halted. Meeting happened with the building owner. After receiving an update, the board feels the current owner may consider an offer from KUUF.

Paul has been authorized by the board to have a conversation with the current owner of 604 Bridge St with a potential offer of \$159,000. Because of the anticipated additional work needed, the potential offer is capped at \$170,000.

Motion made by Elen- Seconded Horscht. Vote: 7 in favor. Opposed 1. Melissa will update the building search committee on progress.

2. **Minister's Report** -Stacy is out of the office on vacation.

Report reviewed by board. All approved and thanked Stacy for her work.

3. **Contract renewal approval** – Bucky Beach, Carol Grafford and Stacy Craig  
RE: Bucky and Carol read and approved contracts. Both are willing to step in and take additional services. KUUF has scheduled services through December. In the upcoming year KUUF can expect 12 services from Bucky and 6 from Carol. Worship committee is coordinating times.

RE: Stacey. Contract adjusted to remove administrative services as it will take away from her ministerial service of the congregation. Approving \$150.00/night so she could sometimes have her family come with her to Houghton. The board expects that will fall within the budget. Added dates are needed for next year's contract.

Board approval required for all

John moved that we renew contacts as updated. Lora seconded- Board approved unanimously.

Additional information: Pastor Sarah is no longer available to KUUF. We applaud her move to working with another congregation within the Keweenaw community. Worship committee has planned for a couple community members who are going to be coming to speak at future Sunday services. No concerns regarding gaps in future services.

4. **Letter of support for BHK:** Community center grant proposal from Cheryl mills/Katie Waara Proposal is due on the 31st of September. Many organizations in the community are completing proposals. KUUF can offer a letter of support by creating a letter as renters. What is our positive experience with BHK? Elen will contribute experience of working with BHK. Jane offers to write a letter.
5. **Contributions to 31 backpacks: Scout Event Oct 1**(idea from Barry and Stacy) Scouts will volunteer to put together packs. This gives them a service project. KUUF asked to provide items to be packed. We have already received granola bars for the event. Donations can be brought in to KUUF service on Sundays or to the office. Invitation for donations will be added to digest.
6. **Follow up with Scout leader circumstances:** Opportunity offered to scout parents to ask questions. Copper Shores present to support parents and youth. Scouts are starting a new program year and will proceed. Additional training is offered to parents and KUUF board members, online class. no charge. Thank you to Melissa for addressing this need.

7. **Air quality:** There are 2 units that are working. Sandra is satisfied with 2 units from BHK and the one fan-duct box. KUUF will store 2 extra units. Air quality boxes can be used in the KUUF offices. Celebration! We have new air quality resources. Regathering team is going into hibernation. No decisions needed at this time.
8. **Parade of Nations:** (Lora) Justice ministry- FUM group is having a group. There was discussion if KUUF wants to have a presence. KUUF will not have a float this year.
9. **MUUSJN update:** Horscht MUUSJN needs a more stable base. Consultants are used to figure out how to get congregations to provide more support. How will MUUSJN operate in the future? There may be fund raising in the future. Work in progress.
10. **UU the vote:** will happen each year, not just during election years. There may be more options for action.
11. Next meeting Sept 17th, task review-Paul with building, Elen with contract signatures, Remind people to bring goodies, check-out Meeting adjourned 2:16pm.