

**KEWEENAW UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
BOARD MEETING**

Oct. 15, 2023 12:30

In our BHK meeting room

Zoom: Link:

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AGENDA

Present: Elen Maurer, Jane Bodi (changed from Pallin), Horst Schmidt, Melissa Williamson, Pete Ekstrom, Cindy Enderby, Elaine Eikenberry, John Gale and Lora Repp.

Ex-Officio: Stacy Craig

Guests Paul Mitchell, Barry and Bill Fink, Craig Waddell, Victoria Bergvall, Dave and Linda Rullison, Bucky Beach and Sharon Levine, Suzy Swanson, Frank Kohl, Amanda Massaway.

Absent: Melissa Williamson (able to partially attend meeting)

Tech Support: Davi

Reviewed:

Preamble

1. Chalice lighting - 502
2. Agenda addenda/changes

Fiduciary and Regular Business

Consensus agenda:

1. Meeting Minutes for Sept 17, 2023, Horst moved accept, Seconded with Cindy, 5 approved 2 abstained.
2. Treasurer's report reviewed. Motion to accept report: Lora moved to accept. Pete seconded. 9 accepted.

Strategic Work

1. 604 Bridge update/response/planning

Paul shared details regarding 604 Bridge St

- Steel roof, steel siding, steel supports.
- Flat slab concrete floor
- Side of the building with the kitchen is wooden and was added later.

Elen provides an expected timeline for purchase of the building:

- Engineer coming to walk the building.
- Board is expecting that information that includes approval from the Engineer will be coming Tuesday morning.
- If the results are favorable, it is anticipated that 15 days after escrow, we will have keys. December 1st will be the day we can begin work.

Further information provided:

- Parking discussed
- Water distribution channel exists at the back of the building.
- Interior walls are insulated,
- We are waiting on a bid for spray foam insulation for the roof underside.
- Open cell insulation is planned for the wooden section of the church.
- Building permits come from the county. Zoning comes from the City,
- Certificate of Occupancy is going to be needed before we can move in. It is expected we will not be moving in until June of 2024.
- Street parking: There are 7 spaces on Edwards, 3 on Calvary. Technically 1 handicap parking spot and second space that is acceptable with a shared walkway and a third space will be available at the front of the building.
- Barry: Question of concern: A member is concerned about mold.
Response Paul: The walls have been stripped since the last time we saw the building. Heating the space will dry it out. The insulation plan will help create better mold protection.
- Bill: What are the plans for insurance on the building? Paul that is coming from the budget for total costs.
- Davi: Is there parking for bikes? There is a covered area at the front of the building that will be a place for bike parking.
- Furnace: Northern Heating has been approached. We are waiting a bid. There are 3 heaters. 2 in the main area. 1 in the kitchen area. No plan for air conditioning. The heat will come through vents piped under the floor. May consider fans (budget planning required)
- Suggestions:
- Craig: Rain garden to help dissipate storm water
- Can we establish solar panels?
- How can we be working within our green committee goals?
- Purchase of the new building means that at a future date we will need to terminate our current rental agreements.

New Committees needed:

- The board created a Financial Oversight Committee who will approve the financial spending towards the building: Suggested members Paul Mitchell, Cindy Enderby, Melissa Williamson.
- Next a design committee that makes decisions about aesthetics while the building is being remodeled. Expected 5-7 members to participate.

Cindy with focusing guidance:

I suggest we find out if we get the building. THEN have a brainstorm meeting. We have 9 months after becoming owners during the working time to figure out all the details.

Planning a celebration for November 18 at BHK, Small party committee includes Lora Repp, Jane Bondi, maybe another.

Thank you extended for efforts of Paul, Cindy and Elen. Applause shared by the board and members of KUUF.

2. **Scout funding details** (Amanda Massaway): Discussion of scholarships from KUUF for families that can't pay the \$155 fee/year per scout. Scouts can fundraise, but new scouts haven't had a chance to do that yet. At this time, the scout group is only asking for 1, maybe 3 total scouts who may need assistance. Suggestion from Lora: Caring committee has minister's discretionary funds, Would this be a good use of sponsorship? expected possible scholarships needed 3/year. Lora will check with Barry and Linda Rulison. Caring committee will be in contact with Amanda to determine need. Proposed motion approves the Caring Committee's usage of the minister's discretionary funds contributed to the scouts for scholarship as needed. Horst proposes motion. Cindy seconds. 8 approved.
3. **Minister's Report** - (Stacy -written and reviewed) Singers interested should contact Sandra (Elen will make that into an announcement) Thank you, Stacy.
4. **Faith Fair:** Campus Ministry is requesting contributions to the Religious Preference cards. (Elen)
Discussion of the event. It was a very windy space. 20 tables. Candy and brochures were handed out. 12 students and some faculty attended. 4 religious preference cards were received by KUUF. One person is interested in KUUF and is asking for rides. It was determined the Campus Ministry group meeting is worth continued involvement. Jane and/or Elen attend future meetings. Does the board want to make a \$50 contribution for printing of cards? Pete moved, Jane seconded. 8 approved. Elen/Jane will determine where to send the check.
5. **Weather Study at MTU:** The question being asked is how do churches in the area respond to weather events? Elen will participate with the survey.

6. **Follow up on Building purchase plan:**John- Do we have a list of our needs for the new building? How do we keep consistent with our vision? How do we engage the congregation? Response: If TUESDAY results in the purchase of the building then we will have a party. Members will be invited to come with ideas. Normally the Goods and Services fundraiser will happen in the fall. It may be moved to a date in December. If KUUF purchases the 604 building, there will be a celebration event at BHK on November 18. Building celebration will be coordinated by Jane, Lora and Melissa.
7. The next Board meeting will be on November 19, 2023.