

KEWEENAW UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

BOARD MEETING

Sept 17, 2023 12:30

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.

Ex-Officio: Stacy Craig

Guest: Paul Mitchell.

Absent: John Gale and Lora Repp.

Reviewed: Pete, Elen, Horst, Jane,

Preamble

Chalice lighting: not available

Agenda addenda/changes invited

Fiduciary and Regular Business

Consensus agenda:

1. Meeting Minutes for Aug 20, 2023

Minutes reviewed. Changes made. All approved.

2. Treasurer's report: Discussed current report and how numbers are expected to be looking next month. Move to accept the treasurer's report. Horst motions. Jane 2nd. All approved.

Strategic Work

1. **Minister's Report** (Stacy) Report shared. Add link. Question for the board: Will we return to passing the basket during service? Discussion of options and order of service. Stacy will take this to the Worship committee. Board advises KUUF to return to using the offertory basket during service. Thank you, Stacy, for your report.

2. **Faith Fair table / Campus Ministry group** invitation Wednesday Oct 4 Noon-2:00pm on MTU campus. MTU will provide the table. KUUF will be present. A few members will be present. Campus Ministry group invited KUUF to send a representative to join. The next meeting for

Campus Ministry group on MTU campus is Oct 10. Jane volunteered to be liaison. Elen will introduce her to the group.

3. The KUUF Committee document

Requiring updating. We will need some committee members to be contacted to see if they are interested in continuing to serve. Responsibilities: Are committees fully staffed? Check in with the Chair. Check in with committee members whose limited time is nearing an end. Elaine and Elen will continue the work and may ask for help from Melissa if needed. Ideally will be completed by the end of October.

4. MOU-Memorandum of Understanding

Between the Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (CUUF) and the Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (KUUF)

This explains CUUF pays Stacy's Health, Life and Disability benefits and KUUF reimburse them with 25% of Stacy's benefits, 12.5% spouses benefits for medical. The MOU's intention is to show both congregations' contributions so the collaboration is acknowledged and is following guidance from UUA. Retirement is not included in the MOU. Discussed amendment. Horst moves. Pete seconds. All approved

5. 604 Bridge St. update (Paul)-Check in regarding 604 Bridge St property. Discussed with the City office and City Manager to see if a site plan review is needed. (identified that city manager has been preoccupied with parking deck concerns) Current owner of 604 Bridge St declined a recent offer of \$160,000.

What is needed to use the property? It is anticipated that \$60,000 will need to be provided to prepare the building for church use. Cindy offered to contact Eric Waara. Paul will let her know if her service is needed. KUUF has an initial conversation with a lawyer. They can write a letter for us. Paul is holding off on requiring that. It is understood if the building is sold as a church to a church, there is a hope that there will not be a site plan required, decreasing the overall expense of the building purchase. Anticipated expense \$240,000 total.

Paul will make another attempt to work with the City. Paul, Cindy and John may be meeting with the current owners. Paul is hoping to receive a counter offer from the current owners. Paul plans to not offer over \$180,000 as the expected expenses for renovations are high.

Finlandia chapel has been sold and is no longer available to be considered for purchase. Paul will collect details on who purchased it. KUUF board is being cautious about purchasing the 604 Bridge St property. The board feels it is necessary that we confirm that we can use the building as a church before purchase. Thanks to Paul for efforts made to coordinate the potential purchase.

6. New members-Suggested agenda item from Horst. How can we introduce new members to the congregation? What is a fun way to make it happen? Horst will also suggest it to Worship Committee. How about new member dinners (suggested by Jane)? Board members are advised to introduce themselves to anyone new that they don't know at KUUF events. Advice from Elen. Channel Alice Boyce. When you see someone new, grab someone you know and have a quick conversation with the new person so now they know two people from KUUF. Be

welcoming. No pressure. Be in coordination with KUUF membership committee and hospitality members. Board members can invite new persons, "Would you like to sit next to me during service?" Name tags help new people have a sense of welcome. Does the membership committee have a guideline? When does the minister reach out to them? Suggested this become a topic at the next board meeting.

7. Next meeting, task review, check-out. Suggested Meeting date Oct 15th. Tasks-

-Elaine and Elen-Committee document.

-Watkins will be asked if he is interested in attending the interfaith event at MTU. Anticipating

-Updates regarding Building purchase.