



Board Minutes Status: Approved
First Unitarian Church, South Bend
May 11, 2022

Agenda

Present: Kay Azar, Catherine Lundergan, Gail DeSomer, Rev. Chip Roush, Ken Chambers, Anne Mannix

Absent: Becky Lindstrom

Guests: Lynn McDonald, Dan Holm, Joseph Gress

The meeting is called to order at 7:01 p.m. by president, Anne Mannix

I. Introduction

- A. Chalice Lighting by Rev. Chip
- B. Check-in
- C. Covenant
- D. Approval of Minutes from the April 13th Meeting: Motion made to accept minutes by Gail and seconded by Ken. Motion passes unanimously.
- E. Set Agenda

II. Reports

A. Minister's Report

Minister's Discretionary Fund Policy: Discussion of the proposed policy. Large purchases should be passed by the Board, although those things will be seen only after the donation has been made and the Board will still not know to whom the donation was given. See attached Policy. Should we have a max lifetime ability to ask for money? It is asked that we have a max of \$5000 to recipients. Currently we do not fund directly to person asking vs. directly to the agency, place of need, etc. Motion made to approve MDF policy by Ken and seconded by Gail. Anne abstains. No nays. Motion passes.

B. President

- 1) COVID Policy Update – See attached draft
This is the best we can do as the target is continually moving. Kay moves to accept the COVID policy, seconded by Gail. Motion passes unanimously.
- 2) Annual Meeting – May 15th
Volunteer of the Year: Gail proposes the Peace and Justice Committee with Dan and Lois Holm; consensus for Dan and Lois.
- 3) Nominating Committee – two members needed in addition to current president. Suggest Barb Carmichael and Jim Curlee
- 4) Auction Dinner – Saturday June 4 at 6 PM at the church
 - Lasagna - Gail & Anne (8 people each)
 - Vegetarian Lasagna - Catherine (8 people)
 - Salad - Becky

Dessert - Catherine & Kay
Garlic Bread & Wine – Ken (3 bottles?)
Appetizers & Wine – Anne (3 bottles?)
Set up in the foyer. Gail will look for checked table cloths

- C. Treasurer – Monthly Financial Report & Annual Budget: Catherine reports show we are still not in a deficit and this will likely hold to the end of the year. Next year's budget is a deficit budget but we have been there before and managed through. Catherine feels she is in over her head and will likely resign at the end of this fiscal year. The nominating committee will need to be notified of that.

III. Old Business

- A. Congregational Listening Meeting – 2 Board members and COM met to talk about having a meeting of the congregation regarding concerns: what to focus on as a starting point, looking at our mission to determine what we think we should be all about. June 5 proposed after pot luck. There is concern expressed that we follow the suggestions made previously. Meeting needs neutral facilitator, time limits for speaking, consensus of Board and COM. Lynn has a draft of proposed CHIRP announcement including that is a first step towards writing a mission statement. All should be framed in the positive and transparent to the congregation. Begin with a prayer and definition of “being in covenant” and what that means. Focus on what do we want this church to be as we move forward. Lynn asks that the COM be involved in planning with the moderator. Rev. Amy DeBeck is recommended as moderator. Lynn, Anne and Rev. Chip will talk about other possibilities if Rev. Amy cannot moderate. It continues to be important that the Board speaks with one voice and that the most important thing is for the Board to listen. We need to strongly suggest the new Board members also be there and, like the current board, just listen.

IV. New Business

V. Other Business

VI. Adjournment at 8:28 pm.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: Wednesday, June 8, 2022. Combined Meeting with new Board members.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Azar, Secretary, Board of Trustees