

Board Meeting 05/02/23 Minutes

Submitted by Gene Heater, Board Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Vice President Emily Smith

Present via ZOOM: Rev Elizabeth Mount, Emily Smith, Camellia El-Antably, Gene Heater, Marcie Kindred, Carol Bowles, Randy Basden, Steve Scott, and Sara Serelson

[Link to Board Zoom Meeting](#)

Chalice lighting & Brief Check-In

1. Consent agenda

- a. Agenda for today's meeting
- b. Staff reports
 - i. Minister
- c. Committee reports
 - i. COSM
- d. Board Meeting Minutes
 - i. April
 - ii. Email vote minutes Feb 2 (Bookkeeping team)
- e. Treasurer report & Balance Sheet
 - i. March

MOTION: Camellia moved to approve the consent agenda. Gene seconded. Motion carried.

2. Garden Plans

- a. Emily invited Steve to speak about his plans for the lawn and garden.
- b. Plan is to improve the grounds for sustainability
- c. Awarded a silver by the Audubon for habitat heroes. The award should be attached to the garden site.
- d. Plans a wildflower garden and no mow lawn. Lawn uses less water.
- e. Cost estimate
 - i. Fertilizers \$100
 - ii. Seeds and turf \$150
 - iii. Edging etc. \$400
 - iv. Sign and Post \$50
 - v. Equipment rental \$120
 - vi. Irrigation retrofit ?
 - vii. Total estimate \$820-1000
- f. Several board members expressed appreciation for grounds group's work

3. Old Business & Updates

- a. LDT Update – Emily
 - i. There is confusion between the finance committee and the investment committee
 - ii. Camellia will email Emily a list of the members of the investment committee
 - iii. There is one more outstanding ask for the COSM and if they accept the slate will be complete
- b. COSM Update - Lauren

- i. No report
- c. RE Committee Update
 - i. Two more sessions in May
 - ii. Theme is ritual
 - iii. Content is what an altar is for, how do we build one, and what belongs on a UU altar
 - iv. Classes will resume in September
 - v. RE planning session will take place this summer

4. New Business

- a. 2023/24 Budget review and approval–Camellia
 - i. Camellia and Rev Elizabeth spoke on the inclusion of part time RE classroom teachers to the budget.

MOTION: Camellia moved to add \$5236 recommended by Compensation and Benefits to the budget approved by the finance committee for additional RE positions and submit the proposed budget to the congregation for its approval at the annual meeting. Gene seconded. Motion carried.

- b. Annual meeting - May 21
 - i. Agenda
 - 1. Marcie shared last year's annual meeting agenda
 - 2. Announcements will go out soon
 - 3. Annual report is being prepared
 - 4. Need to identify parliamentarian - Gene will take care of it
 - 5. There is no proxy required for this annual meeting
 - 6. Inputs for annual meeting are due on May 18
- c. Investment Committee–do we need an interim member?
 - i. Mike Shonsey is a member who is resigned
 - ii. Current members
 - 1. Mike - Paul will fill Mike's position
 - 2. Steve is going off - person to fill has been found
 - 3. Garth
 - iii. About \$250,000 is currently in investment funds
- d. Delegates for UA General Assembly–Emily
 - i. Approval needed for Ken Vernon to attend

MOTION: Camellia moved to approve Ken Vernon as one of our delegates to the UUA general assembly and offer him \$250 from the board discretionary fund towards his registration fee. Sara seconded. Motion carried.

5. Unresolved Action Items

- a. Plumbing issues - Gene
 - i. Phil estimates for water fountain without a bottle filler at \$400-500 or less
 - ii. Cost of one with bottle filler is \$1675.

MOTION: Marcie moved to approve extending the building and grounds budget up to \$1675 out of the board's 6% to purchase and install a new water fountain with a filler out of this year's budget. Sara seconded. Motion carried.

- b. Committee list - Gene
 - i. Initial report generated

- c. Pledge Drive
 - i. \$105,000 is the budgeted amount
- d. Chalice Lighter Grant
 - i. Did not apply
- a. Rev Elizabeth's installation–Emily
 - i. It will be awesome
- b. Realm CMS - Gene
 - i. 2 training sessions - 4 attendees
 - ii. Will do more in future

MOTION: Camellia moved to enter an executive session. Sara seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION: Camellia moved to exit the executive session. Sara seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:33

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 6 - 6:30 PM

Upcoming dates:

May 6, 2pm - Rev Elizabeth's installation
June 10 - Service auction
June 17 - Spring board retreat