

Board Meeting 9/21/2023

Minutes by Dan Secrest, Secretary

Approved by Board 10/19/2023

Attendees: Jody Wise (President), Rev Julie Brock, Dan Wiest (Treasurer), Dan Secrest (Secretary), Colleen Dolan-Greene (Trustee), Eric Gardner (Trustee), Scott Lehto (Past President, via Zoom), Andrea Esu (Trustee, via Zoom, later in person), Nancy Shattuck (Trustee), Steve Curtin (guest, via Zoom)

Place: Jody's home.

The meeting was called to order at 6:12

Started with "Meditation on Breathing"

[Agenda](#) approved.

Meeting minutes for [April](#), [May](#), and [June](#):

Correction to May minutes: Diana Kohler is Moderator, not President. Moved to approve (Scott) April, May, and June minutes, seconded by Nancy Shattuck. Approved.

Minister's Report

- NW Cooperation
 - Rev Julie officially has contract with Northwest
 - Colleen and Julie will work with Ben of NW UU on financial sharing with NW UU. NW will contribute to Julie and Todd compensation.
 - Joint services will go forward.
- Lots of pastoral care
- Working with RE
- Worship Retreat
- We didn't get Transforming Power grant
- UUA grant – Chalice Lighters thru MidAmerica UUA. They followed up with us and encouraged us to apply. Direct this grant to RE program.
- Working with Eli. Kate York (new member) will chair Eli's committee.
- Reconstituting Membership Committee, or subcommittee. Follow up at next month's Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- [June](#), [July](#), and [August](#) reports submitted & reviewed.
- Todd donated his June compensation to organ fund.
- We have \$7,000 for organ fund – enough to repair but decision not yet made to go ahead with that.
- Dan W presented financial reports.
 - UUA dues paid

- Comcast increased charges
- Other UU churches are getting rid of pledge drive and just getting monthly commitments. We may want to consider this way. Still have pledge drive, but **monthly amounts instead of annual**.
- Kathe's been paying for Constant Contact \$600/year. Dan S will talk to Kathe and Abby about this.
- Glenn's been paying for Coffee Hour food – \$3,000/year. Dan S will talk to Glenn about keeping food service going and funded by church.
- May have cash flow problem in not too distant future. Dan W will discuss with Finance Committee and bring back to Board.
- Eli here for 10 months. Possibility of another year with us as intern.
- A couple from Toronto said they had sent us \$1500. But Dan W doesn't think we received it.

RE Report

- [Written report](#) shared.
- Budget – Authorize Maryli and Jayme to spend RE budget. This should be written out as a policy. Motion: The Board is in consensus that Maryli can administer the RE Committee budget.

Building Discussion

- The bulk of this discussion was conducted in Executive Session. Notes are available to Board members upon request to the Secretary, Dan Secrest.
- Secretary Secrest created [a spreadsheet](#) to track building issues or others issues related to our relationship with EMEAC.

Picnic Discussion

- [Flyer](#)
- [Facebook Event](#)
- [Notes, Assignment List](#)
- [RSVP list](#) – only 8 people have RSVP'd as of 9/21/2023
- We have money in budget for events such as this.
- We'll go forward with the picnic and plans were made regarding last minutes preparations.

Congregational Meetings

One in January and one in May.

Sound Issues – Speaker Outside?

- What is noise ordinance for midtown? We have to check this. Don't want to disturb neighbors.
- Do we have the necessary equipment?
- Music only
- Try one Sunday and see?
- Put a plan together

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30