

UUFCM Board Meeting

October 10, 2021

Minutes

Members Present: Terrie Robbie, Cynthia Damer, Stacey Pattison, Norma Bailey, Elaine Emerick, Jen Davis

UUFCM Board Covenant

As members of the UUFCM Board of Trustees, we covenant to keep the best interests of the congregation at heart and to carry out the trust placed in us as guardians of the Mission and the Principles and as stewards of the resources of our church.

We commit to:

- Be prompt, prepared, present, and to participate.
- Communicate respectfully; all will be heard and we will seek consensus.
- Use discretion in communications beyond the Board.
- Support the decisions and policies of the Board
- Keep confidential the details of Board discussions held in closed session

UUFCM Mission Statement

To be a religious community guided by love transforming our lives and our world.

1. Chalice Lighting—Norma
2. Check in and welcome
3. Visitor comment
4. Minutes of September 12 and 27
 - a. Cynthia moved to approve the minutes as presented for September 12th, Jen seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Jen moved to approve the minutes as presented for September 27, Stacey seconded. Motion carried.
5. Treasurer's time

First quarter report. Terrie sent Edward Jones a check for \$25,000 that is not reflected in the report as it was sent Friday, October 8th, 2021. Jen moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted, Stacey seconded. Motion carried.
6. Reports—questions or concerns?
 - a. Minister's report
 - b. Worship Team - 2 reports
 - c. Coordinating Team report
 - d. Youth RE Team report
 - e. Building, Grounds and Safety Team report
 - f. Social Justice Coordinating Team report – no report
 - g. Communications Coordinating Team report
 - h. Adult RE Committee reports – no report
 - i. Shared Ministry Team report – oral report

- j. Reopening Task Force/Coronavirus Task Force – oral report
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Paying assessment (Norma) (updated)

The Chippewa River District Library has granted permission for the UUFCM congregants to use the CRDL parking lot on Sundays until 1:00 P.M. through 2023. Based on this contract, the determination of our assessment fee by the City Commission will be forthcoming (October 25th).
 - b. UUFCM phone (Drew) - postponed
 - c. Approval of Shared Ministry recommendation of team size, terms and process – postponed
 - d. Drafting a letter to the UUA re GA concerns (Norma)

Letter was sent to the UUA regarding concerns.
 - e. Purchase a new UUFCM banner (Stacey):

Stacey will form a small committee to come up with several banner proposals for the Board to vote on at our next meeting.
 - f. Additional feedback to the Building Team on the Modified Draft Proposal for Safety Procedures for Intruder

Officer Autume Balcom from the Mt. Pleasant Police Department will review our proposed plan.
- 8. New business
 - a. Policy on service and meeting cancellation
 - i. Recognizing we don't have a policy for who and when a decision might be made to cancel worship service or meetings, we discussed various ideas. Norma will draft a policy based on our discussion for our next Board meeting November 14.
 - b. Harvest Feast (CT Team report)
 - i. Given that we can't meet in our traditional Harvest Feast in the Annex, we discussed how we might have small group gatherings in homes on November 21 and with Drew greeting all the groups at the same time on Zoom. Norma will contact a number of people to see if they are willing to host and what their guidelines would be and then have Kirsten create a sign-up process.
 - c. Discussion of COVID policy regarding vaccination
 - i. Effective 10-10-2021, in order to attend any worship service or meeting/gathering in the UUFCM building, each person must be vaccinated. All other previously approved guidelines remain the same. Cynthia moved to approve, Jen seconded. Motion carried.
 - d. Sign up as Board members during worship

Each of us signed up for 1 or 2 Sundays through the end of 2021.

- e. Board Goal: communication of the importance of community engagement
 - i. We will bring together the Board, Shared Ministry Team, Worship Team, Adult RE Committee and Social Fun Committee on October 31 at 10:00-11:30 to brainstorm ideas about ways to engage the congregational members and friends during this time of COVID. Then we would contact a set number of congregants to find out which events/activities they would be most likely to attend. Jen and Norma will organize the meeting; Elaine will run the meeting.
 - f. The Social Fun committee is coordinating a number of Sunday Strolls after the worship service, but not necessarily facilitating the strolls themselves. They will get these announced in the e-News.
- 9. Tickler review
 - a. Liaisons – remind teams to update content on website
 - b. Liaisons – pictures of teams to Laura McBride
- 10. Fellowship Life meeting – October 17 – COVID updates (continued hybrid services, no singing, mandatory vaccination requirement), alternate Harvest Feast/Congregational Harvest Home Meals
- 11. Visitor comment