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MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 18,2022  
!:00 pm Arizona Time

**Board in Attendance:** Russ Peterson, Barbara Lund, Deb Mitchell, Marilyn Taylor, Lorelei Schober, Barbara Lemmon, Kathleen Creten, **Members attending:** Jeanne McCauley, Martha House, Diane Farone, Larry Parker, Deanna Brooks, **Office Manager,** Jermaine Lowe.

**Chalice Lighting – Russ Peterson**

**Check in:**

**President’s Report:** The Finance Chair will be Anne Westrope. The planning for the 2022 – 2023 will begin in November. The Pledge Drive chair needs to be named.

Anne Westrope , finance committee chair, said she needs experienced members such as the Treasurer, Martha House, Diane Farone, and one more to assist her. B Lund said she would be on that committee if needed .

Russ asked if there would be a half year budget adjustment in December.

Lorelei volunteered to light the chalice next month in response to Russ’s request for a volunteer.

**Approval of September 20 Minutes** passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report;** She asked that the label at the top of third column be changed for example for the current report to the “first quarter”. She wants to simplify the language. There needs to be transfers in budget for worship arts and the minister’s fund. Diane F said this has not been done. All who are rightful signers of checks must be present at the Bank of America at the same time. The vacant lot mowing was ordered by the B& B owner. (Borderlands does not own the whole lot.) Report approved.

**Donation of the grill** was approved unanimously. A separate enclosure in the garden is being prepared for that. The insurance company did not object to the grill on the property.

**Church Name Change** The form has been filled out but not approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission. The new name would appear on the bank checks, the Google account, the post office box, and more that we designate. We have two street names – County Line and Territory Lane however mail is delivered to the post office box. It was said that the new name must be announced in the Green Valley News for three weeks. Jermain reminded us that we are a 501-3c organization, so we need to maintain that on record. Barbara Lund will check to make sure that status is maintained.

### **Covid Issue**

**“A new approach to covid in our community” was presented by Martha House and Barbara Lund.** Deb Mitchell and Jeanne Macauley also worked on this document. The new approach was distributed by email. The responsibility for reporting will be on the individual. The consensus that we might do as another congregation does by asking the person with a positive Covid test notify to the Board President anonymously. As president Russ said he would take the responsibility of receiving members’ messages about their positive covid tests. This information would not be revealed to anyone.

A separate document **“Borderlands Unitarian Universalist Guidelines for Covid, October 2022** has been distributed to the Board by email.

After a long discussion, there was no motion on the document. It needs to be clarified. How will it be implemented? How will the congregates be notified about the guidelines? The committee was thanked for their thoughtful work.

BY AN ELECTRONIC VOTE THE BOD PASSED AN UPDATED COUVIDE POLICY THAT WILL BE SENT TO THE CONGREGATION.

Sign in on Sunday would be continued to help the Membership Chair but not to track activities of Covid victims.

Barbara Lemmon will check the status of the virus once a week with the county health department. Jermain will investigate availability of choir masks.

Kick Start What is involved with that? There seems to be lack of information. What would the congregation gain from that? UU organization has published a book on help with deciding who we are but only has one chapter on Kick Start which describes Kick Start differently than what we have been told.

The discussion quickly got into Listening Circles – values, lack of response, positive response. About 12 to 15 members have participated. New opportunities will be announced soon.

Our need for ministerial help was discussed. The Worship Arts chairs are exhausted by all the planning. Do we want an interim minister? Rev. Collins was well received and might preach on Zoom once a month. But he would not be available for personal contact. A possible minister with interim experience will be interviewed soon by the Worship Arts Committee. What do we want or need?

Appointments with Rev. Sara Gibb Millspaugh consultant for the Pacific Southwest Region have been changed. Are we ready for a Zoom meeting with her?

It was decided that board members will send questions for Rev. Sara to President Russ by Friday, October 21. He will compile them and speak to Rev. Sara.

**Security System Update** was advanced in the New Business Agenda due to the passage of time. Five new lights have been installed in the back. Motion detectors will be bought costing less than \$400 are within the Building and Grounds budget.

**Streaming Services Live** was the topic of a meeting October 17 attended by Barbara Lemmon, Barbara Lund, Larry Parker, Ken Lopez, Russ Peterson and Germaine Lowe. To provide this service new equipment is necessary -an optical zoom camera and a more powerful laptop. A hot spot is needed which could be a cell phone. It might be a year before a more powerful WIFI will get to our property. A new phone system might be required eventually. The congregation has a desperate need for services of people who have technology skills or would like to learn to volunteer to help.

**Chalice Extinguishing** – Russ read a quote from Maya Angela at 3:00.

Submitted by Marilyn Taylor, October 20, 2022