

## BUU BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES

January 17, 2023

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ATTENDANCE: Board members – President R. Peterson, Vice President B. Lund, Treasurer D. Mitchell, Secretary M. Taylor, Members at Large B. . Lemmon, L. Schober, K. Creten , Rev. Seth, UU Justice Board Janine Gellsinger, Finance Chair A Westrope, Membership Jeanne Macauley, Outreach Committee Kristin Wisneski- Blum , Garden Jim Hoy, Member Sonia Colins, Administrative Assistant Jermain Lowe

Chalice Lighting - R. Peterson

President's Report – R Peterson

He talked with Barbara Meshanko who is starting physical therapy and expects full recovery of her leg. A “hot spot” the communication system has been located. The hybrid system should be up and running soon.

Secretary's minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report was approved. In addition to the mid year spreadsheet, a projected budget for next year was included. Finalizing the budget depends on the pledge drive results and a vote at the annual meeting. Also included with the Treasurer's report was the following explanation:

As your treasurer I wanted to give you a mid-year snapshot of the our financial situation. Your contributions have been doing good things for the congregation in the last six months. The sunshade has been installed and the air quality and flow have been improved with additions HVAC equipment and ductwork in the sanctuary. Some less glamorous but essential tasks like pumping the septic tank, dealing with plumbing issues and mowing our large property have rounded the building and grounds investments. We have also invested in personnel. We hired Reverend Seth, our minister , and have given small increases to Jermain, our office manager and Joe, our custodian. They are valued and hard working. Your pledges and giving have kept ahead of expenses due to having a minister just part

of the year. The savings will go toward next year's expenses. Donations from the estate of Eileen Anacker and from Dorothy McKenna's daughter were deposited in our endowment account. There is much to feel good about. If you are a numbers person, the monthly financial statements are available.

The congregation's ESL group is becoming active again. Their funds will be returned from the Treasurer's account where they were held during the pandemic.

### Old Business

Website Committee Chair, Barbara Lund said that nine persons are working together on that effort. Some are not members of our congregation. Privacy and Intellectual Rights statements have been approved. Kristin volunteered to create an electronic form on which people can sign for permission to use their photos on the website.

Nominating Committee – Jeanne McCauley is working on finding for committee members. Candidates for Vice President and one Member at Large are needed. Both positions are two-year opportunities.

Membership -Jean McCauley Membership packets are available for new members. Pledge information is in the packet. Visitors have commented on the friendly welcomes at our gatherings.

### Congregation Auction

#### Funds Raised

- To date we have raised \$2,200, 73% of our targeted goal.
- This is a very generous congregation—The bulk of the amount raised comes from direct donations \$1,325.
- Ticket sales account for another \$165 for 11 tickets — Our target is 60 to 80 tickets (over \$900 net.)
- So far direct bids have generated \$710 **from 14 bidders.**

#### Items Donated

- We have 28 items posted including 3 “Live auction” items and 2 “Ticket sales” items—**Target 35.**
- We have 8 “Events” (Feasts & Festivities or Day Excursions)--**We need about 4 more “event donations.**
- Our targets should be about 35 items including and 12 to 14 events—**another 4 items in addition to events.**

### Bidding

- We have 14 bidders—Our target should be about 40. **We need to encourage bidding to start soon.**
- We have 23 items that are not “Live” items or Dinner Tickets. — **7 items have no bids yet** (but several of these are fairly new.)

Thank you for your help in continuing to make this a success. Please continue to help “spread the word.” to encourage participation.

Deb Mitchell

### New Business

A proposal for OWL training was presented by Kristin Wisneski-Blum. Our Whole Life (OWL) is a sexuality education program that continues from preschool to adults sponsored by the United Church of Christ and the Unitarian Universalist Organization. She is proposing a program that BUU would offer to our members and local adults free.

The curriculum is composed of fourteen two hour workshops, four of which can stand alone. (<https://www.uuabookstore.org/Our-Whole-Lives-Older-Adult-P18525.aspx>)

Several of our members spoke to the value of the program in helping parents and grandparents understand today’s young people’s sexuality. According to Janine Gelsinger of UUJAZ , her group has been given a grant to cover some of the costs .

Kristin has volunteered to be one trainer for the Borderlands community but there must be two trainers at a session. A training session for trainers will be

held in Tucson , March 3-5 for \$500 each with the UUJAZ grant. . That amount would cover hotel, meals and training.

A motion was made and approved five to two that the Borderlands UU would fund \$1000 for training if a second trainer could be found.

Green Valley News ads were investigated by Barbara Lemmon. It is possible to get a colored once a week 2x2.5 ad that would cost \$62.50 per week but churches must have a yearly contract. The newspaper staff designs the ad and the congregation provides the data. The ad can be changed with a week's notice. Also The GV News has an online church directory that costs \$24 a week. The combined yearly cost would be \$3550 in monthly payments. No decision was made.

Article II vote is coming up. The congregation needs more information. Worship Arts is planning to have a speaker on this topic.

Physical accessibility is problem that needs resolution for some members because there are too few handicapped parking spaces and the parking lot gravel is hard to walk on with walkers and difficult to push wheel chairs. We don't know how many members and guests are impacted.

R. Peterson extinguished the chalice at 2:50.

Submitted by Borderlands UU Board Secretary  
Marilyn Taylor