

BORDERLANDS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOVEMBER 21, 2023

Present:

In person - Russ Peterson, Carol Hoy, Lorelei Schubert, Jermaine Lowe, Mary Arrigoni, Nancy Murphy

Via Zoom - Kathleen Creten, Charles Golec, Martha House,
Barbara Lemon

Meeting was called to order by President R. Peterson at 1:08 pm AZ time

Chalice Lighting by R. Peterson

President's Report:

* About eight members of BUU were present at the opening of the Amado Youth Center. Russ was favorably impressed with the new Center and stated many accolades were given to BUU for its continued support.

Minutes of October meeting:

* Motion: To approve minutes as distributed, approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report:

* Deb Mitchell was unable to attend today's meeting but sent her report via email.

* Lorelei reported that money donated for Ukraine was sent to the World Central Kitchen.

Motion: To approve report carried without objection

Old Business

* Lorelei reported that there have been two Coordinating Council meetings with success. The Council will focus on budget planning next meeting.

*The Committee Fair will be January 7th after service.

*The 30th Anniversary celebration is on Saturday December 9th

* Thank you to the Petersons for donating a computer, allowing the use of Zoom during services and meetings.

* **Endowment Policy:**

A question had been raised about the need to hire an attorney to review the new Endowment Policy. Discussion both for and against this ensued.

Charlie Golec spoke of need for more documentation before hiring an attorney, this should be in accord with the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act. Suggestion made that Endowment Committee and the Finance Committee be involved before presenting to the board.

The Board is hopeful that this review and the development of written procedures will be complete by the end of the day January 12th so that it can be placed on the agenda of the January 16th Board meeting. A Congregational Meeting will be scheduled in February to adopt the proposed policy.

Motion: Charge the Endowment Committee to review the proposed revised policy and to develop procedures and practices for administering the Endowment Fund that comply with UPMIF Act.

Amended: in anticipation of a legal review.

Motion & amendment carried without objection

* Withdrawal of money from the Endowment Fund -

Russ reported that currently there is a little under \$1.3 million total in the fund. The policy states that 4% can be used, this would be slightly over \$50,000. The current option for use is very limited in scope. He made the recommendation that 4% be allocated as available for use during the 2024-25 budget building process. Martha suggested a portion of the funds could be used to help pay for leadership development through UUA programs.

Motion: Proceed to use 4% as part of the budget building process 2024-2025.

Motion carried without objection.

* Library

Waiting to file an insurance claim for books to be destroyed. A sign will be made to not enter the room until books are taken care of.

Suggestion was made to have B&G attend the next Board meeting to discuss the rodent problem.

New Business

* Review of Policies

A number of policies were reviewed, suggestions were made for changes, review will continue.

Motion: Recommend deletion of three policies (Huddle, Projects and Memorial Services).

Motion carried without objection

Motion to adjourn carried without objection

Russ extinguished the chalice and meeting adjourned at 3:20 AZ time

Submitted by M. Arrigoni, Member at Large