

Borderlands UU Board Meeting
Tues., Feb. 17, 2026

In attendance: Nancy Murphy, Martha House, Charlie Golec, Jack Webber, Susan James. Other attendees: Rev. Inge Detweiler and Kathy Creten. Staff: Jermain Lowe

Chalice Reading and Lighting: by Martha

Approval of January 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes—with previous edits by Charlie.

MOTION: Martha moved to approve; Jack 2nd. Approved.

Welcome

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly Budget Report

Charlie explained that there have been noticeable changes in the last month. Even though Expenditures are less than Budget for the 7 months, the Net is a Deficit of (\$5,722). The effect of pre-paid revenue is dissipating. Revenues exceed linear Budget for the 7 months by \$3,659. It is the first loss report of the year and we are likely to see more. There were some unplanned revenue items—a concert earned close to \$900 for BUU and two more concerts are coming. The auction earned about \$5,800. We are behind on pledge receipts. The ways to combat losses are by reducing Personnel or B&G line items. We can't save a lot in the latter, unless we prioritize some building work for this year and some for next.

MOTION: to approve the Treasurer's Reports mentioned above, by consensus.

Draft Budget for 2026-27 (fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026)

Charlie presented questions: [Due to the subsequent resignation of Rev. Inge, the Budget Proposals need to be redone.]

1. What should be presented at Town Hall? (March 5, 2026)

Charlie handed out a summary—his first draft. With minister's salary at 50%, we break even. Personnel and B&G are the two big items that make the most difference in the budget.

2. What should we mail out with first Stewardship mailing? (March 10, 2026)

Target for pledge \$150,000? Or \$140,728 as on budget—as Tobe suggested? There is talk of people reducing their pledges. Membership number is at 92, with 65 pledging units. Rev. Inge suggested offering a document people could request for further information on a formula for pledging amounts—would it be something Tobe has thought about? She has received suggestions for approaches that UUA uses. (2.5% of income? was mentioned by Jeanne.) Nancy values a suggested range for new members that Jeanne could inform them about. Charlie agrees with idea and that any suggested approaches should be proposed to Tobe—Nancy to do. Average UUA pledge has been \$2,134. "Love in Action" is BUU's theme for this year.

3. March 1 Budget presentation at Sunday Brunch (March 8, 2026)

New Business:

Building & Grounds Report & Requests

Kathy Creten handed out Financial Reserves Policy, B&G Policy, a Thumbnail Report, and B&G's Report dated Feb. 17, 2026.

Bids for the Board to consider—

Bid—GV Heating and Cooling \$2,974 (they hold our warranty—no need for 2nd bid)

Bid—Southern Yard Services—shed \$1,200

Bid—Southern Yard Services—fence \$2,200

Bill—Seal Right (Joist does the billing)—asphalt \$2,162 (done last Wed.). Nancy approved it on the spot so it could be scheduled right away.

MOTION—Martha moved to approve bid for GV Heating and Cooling for \$2,974 and to approve the bid from Seal Right (Joist) for \$2,162; source of funding to be determined by Treasurer and the Board. Susan 2nd. Approved.

MOTION—Jack moved to approve bid from Southern Yard Services for \$2,200 for fence demo. Source of funding to be determined. Martha 2nd. Approved.

The Board is leaving on the table the shed issue until a corrected bid is received from Kathy. There is \$3,000 in B&G budget. \$10,000 from 4% money—the form needs to be completed for Endowment Committee. Kathy needs clarification on the rules about funding and bids. Jermain needs information on company, dates, schedule, etc. in advance. Martha is putting together a checklist that will be helpful.

Kathy mentioned that ATROA recently applied gravel to the drive and repaired the entry roadway.

Congregational Discernment Process re: Minister:

After a lengthy discussion, resulting from a previous meeting with Rev. Samantha Wilson, the survey for the congregation was formalized. [Due to the subsequent resignation of Rev. Inge, the survey is no longer needed.]

Identify Board Calendar & Tasks for February & March 2026:

April 3, 1:00 p.m., Board Work Session, Final Budget approval—closed meeting
ZOOM for Nancy only. Limited agenda 1 item. Notify Judy and David.

Next Board Meetings:

Work Session: March 12, 2026 (9:30 a.m.) Closed Session

Monthly Board Meeting: March 17, 2026 (1 p.m.)

Chalice Extinguishing

Submitted by Susan James, Board Secretary