

**Borderlands Unitarian Universalist  
Board Meeting Minutes, Tues., March 17, 2026**

**In attendance:** Nancy Murphy, Martha House, Charlie Golec, Jack Webber, David Doyle, Judy Harmer, Susan James. Other attendees: Kathy Creten, Dan Creten, Lorelei Schober, Sheila Glover, Susan Ammons, Jeanne Macauley. Staff: Jermain Lowe

**Chalice Reading and Lighting:** by Nancy and David

**Approval of Feb. 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes**—with previous edits by Charlie.

**MOTION:** Martha moved to approve; Judy 2nd. Approved.

**Welcome and Approval of Meeting Agenda**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Charlie reported that 8 months have been completed and we are showing a small negative position (-\$2,800). Pledge income is keeping with linear 67% received. Some pledges have not been received—members died, moved away, memory issues, disenchanted—and we may not receive those. At the end of March/early April, statements will be sent out by Jermain. There is a potential \$10,000-15,000 possible shortfall. Expenses are currently lower than planned. 4% funds may be needed to cover losses.

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

Jermain reported that annual pledge statements will be mostly sent electronically. Tax statements this year only went to those who requested them. Sending both at the same time was confusing in the past. Pledge info. for 2026-27 includes a message about completing one's pledge for the previous year.

**New Business:**

**Pledge Drive Update:**

Preparing packets April 9; Mailing packets April 10 and 11. Weekly updates on the Pledge Drive will be on the website and the wall chart. \$41,313 from Tobe—21% are in. On Tuesdays and Fridays, Jermain will update the Board on pledge figures.

**B&G Report & Requests:**

Kathy passed out March 10 Minutes and Summary.

There was a motion to approve 3 bids at the last Board meeting—GV Heating (\$2,974 invoice), shed, fence (bid by Southern Yard Service rescinded on 3/17).

Busy D Septic—BUU has used them in the past. \$2,035 invoice. Work has been done.

**MOTION:** Martha moved to approved invoice for pumping two tanks and inspection of tanks and Leach field. David 2nd. Approved.

La Sierra Tree Company—\$4,900 bid.

**MOTION:** Jack moved to accept bid to remove 7 pine trees and debris. Charlie 2nd. Approved. The funding source is to be determined by the Treasurer.

Fence bids to be secured by Arturo Castro and La Sierra Tree Company.

New issue—need a bid on 2 mesquite trees to be removed from septic field.

No repair for building #3—in bad shape. No need to fix up/use. Instead, get shelving for “Cave” and storage area in bldg.

Bldg. #1, 22 boxes—Kathy and Lorelei archives work brought to a halt. Consolidate boxes so we don’t have duplicate items. Good building for storage. Continue work on papers/binders—Susan could help.

### **Approval Process for Committee submitting contractor bids:**

Jack passed out his draft document. It is designed for all committees. It is a procedure according to Judy, so we need a Policy for this.

He included Charlie’s earlier corrections. Additional ones made at meeting.

Additional changes—see 4.d. Pays approved.

1. Committee Chairman Add iii. If actual expected cost exceeds the Board approved amount, then the request has to be resubmitted for Board approval.

2. President, d. These duties may be assigned to another Board member, except for signing.

Coordinating Council—needs to review. Process needs more fine tuning.

### **Contractor Bid approval form updated:**

Jack passed out his draft; a second version is for online completion. Remove line at bottom. Charlie suggested changes for a future form for vendors (bid, purchase)

To send to Coordinating Council as well. Jermain may need Jack’s input on creating a Log. Discuss work impact after Jermain sees what is entailed.

### **Elections Calendar:**

March 19—Rev. Sam meeting; March 22—nominations open. See Nancy’s handout.

**Nominations Form** created by Elaine; Jack shortened it. \*info. is important—to be moved to front of sheet. See other changes. Must be a BUU member. Packets prepared on April 10 and 11—includes ballots. Also email packet and ballot.

### **Proposed Bylaws consideration calendar:**

March 24 Town Hall—Diane and Judy will chair it on Bylaws. To email proposed Bylaws document ahead of time. Current 2015 Bylaws are on the website.

### **Notes:**

Charlie away April 8-22 (Available by Zoom April 21, 10 a.m.)

Nancy away March 21-April 3 (Available by Zoom April 3, 1 p.m.)

Budget summary—one sheet only. Finalized on April 3. Due by Charlie before April 10.

A break was taken before regathering for a Closed Session on Personnel Matters.

Submitted by Susan James, Board Secretary