

**Borderlands Unitarian Universalist
Board Meeting Minutes, May 7, 2026**

In attendance: Nancy Murphy, Martha House, Judy Harmer, Jack Webber, David Doyle, Susan James. Guests: Jane Ferderer, Sheila Stewart Glover, Jim Lund, Jeanne Macauley, Jan Lathrop, Kathy Clark, Mary Arrigoni, Lorelei Schober. Staff: Jermain Lowe. Via Zoom: Denise Lund Smith, Larry Parker, Diana King. Special Guest: Tony Bruno of Valley Assistance Services.

Chalice Lighting and Welcome: Nancy

Approval of Agenda Additions: Continuation of Rev. Samantha Wilson's Employment with BUU and Jack's Resignation

Approval of April 26, 2026 Annual Meeting Minutes, Jack made a Motion; 2nd by David. Approved.

Approval of April 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes with previous edits by Charlie and Nancy. Martha made a Motion; 2nd by Jack. Approved.

Treasurer's Reports:

MOTION: Judy moved to approve Treasurer's Reports for March and April. 2nd by Jack. Approved.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting Debrief:

Consensus was that it was a very inclusive meeting; well done. The Town Hall meetings leading up to it were good. The Annual Meeting went smoothly. Our voting return was almost 100%. People cared, were interested, and were encouraged. There was heavy lifting done by the Bylaw team and the Board. Recounting of the ballots was necessary as more were returned by mail the next day. The President's Report sent through email reported the accurate results. Everyone was commended on the great job. Special thanks to Jack who stepped in to do the final financial reporting and parliamentary work.

New Business:

Continuation of Rev. Samantha Wilson's Employment with BUU:

MOTION: Jack moved that the Board begin the process of contracting with Rev. Samantha Wilson to provide a second round of communications training as defined in the Coordinating Council's 4% distributable funds request submitted to and approved by the Endowment Committee on [date] for an amount not to exceed \$16,000 with \$12,084 from the 2025-26 4% distributable amount and \$3,916 from the 2026-27 4% distributable funds. 2nd by Martha. Approved.

Building & Grounds Updates/Requests:

Jack gave the Board a revised May 4, 2026 spreadsheet of Contractor Bids. It is a real gift to the Board. Jack and B&G were commended for their work.

Lorelei reported on the May 5 B&G Committee meeting. The small committee has accomplished a lot. The Coordinating Council and the Board have all of the B&G materials.

The Fire Suppression System is only in the sanctuary. We need an assessment by a Fire Engineer, estimate of \$2,000-5,000? to find out what we need. Estimate of \$40,000 for work by Kazal?—brand new sprinkler systems in all areas. Is it required by law? Compliance? Jane volunteered to research code. Martha said she could make calls. We have fire extinguishers, but we need to know how to use them. Jermain explained that the extinguishers are examined yearly and that company could answer questions about Fire Code. A Fire Drill will eventually be scheduled.

Electrical issue: Cordero Electrical and Right Way companies—B&G is waiting return contact, then bids. It is hard to find people to do the work. Follow-up by someone is needed.

It was recommended that the Board look at the Inspection Report before each Board Meeting. Summaries are at the back; Maintenance and Safety issues especially to be noted. They are on BUU's website. Insurance and Liability—keep in mind.

Documents re: Bids and Checks. Jermain, Charlie and Nancy will work on them. It has been difficult managing paperwork by B&G. Jack and Martha have worked on the process of when Board intervention is necessary and when not. We are still learning how to make it work; the new Board will have to work on that too.

Resignation of Jack from the Board:

He and Elaine will be away for much of the rest of his term. He can still work on the website. He encouraged the Board to fill his vacancy from someone already elected to help out with workload. Nancy and the Board felt we didn't need someone for one month. We are already starting the transition to new Board with Rev. Sam, etc.

Tony Bruno – Proposal for Fundraising Event for Valley Assistance Services:

Tony presented a fundraising idea to the Board for consideration. Humana Health Care supports them, but VAS needs to raise 20% of funding for TeleHealth. They are looking for a new venue to hold about 200 people and would like to work with BUU, since we have worked together in the past. No date set has been set, but it would be a Saturday in the Spring of 2027. Nine restaurants will come in and provide salsa and guacamole. Chips will come from VAS. There will be a small silent auction (9-10 items). There might be other vendors. It was noted that our septic system cannot handle that volume. They're

willing to pump as is done at Chili Cookoff. (To check into that.) They could provide Porta-Potties. They would like to use BUU's veranda and side area. Tickets will be sold for the event.

MOTION: Jack moved that we pursue discussion about sponsoring the event. 2nd by Judy. Approved. Details will need to be worked out with the next Board.

Vacation Schedules:

Nancy away, May 12-28

Martha away, May 12-19

Susan in charge, May 12-18

Judy in charge, May 19

Martha in charge, May 20-28

Board Tasks for May & June:

Martha will follow up with Jane about the Fire Suppression Code

Jack will update webpage

Susan will work on new Zoom with Larry, Jermain, Diana, etc.

May 25, 2 p.m, John Harmer's Celebration of Life

Board can keep their Binders; there is no need to pass them on to the New Board as they will be starting anew. Diana, the new Secretary would like one as an example.

June 14-21 UUA General Assembly—Virtually mostly. Do we have delegates? Put article in Messenger. Registration fee paid by BUU. \$300 approx. covers 2 people.

Chalice Extinguishing

Next (Last) Work Session—June 11, 9:30

Next (Last) Board Meeting—June 16, 1:00

Submitted by Susan James, Board Secretary