

UUABQ Board Meeting Minutes - 2/16/2021, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Attendees

Board Members: George Bakula, Sara Friedrich, Doug Loescher, Aroop Mangalik, Melisa Nicoud, Milagros Padilla, Faye Rafferty, Raven Reed Starr, Mikaela Renz-Whitmore, Carla Williams, Sally Wistrand, Bob LaVallee (ex-officio member)
Absent: None

Agenda / Minutes

Time	Item	Owner
6:30	Chalice Lighting and Check-In	Sara
A time to get centered and share with each other.		
6:40	Housing Allowance – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM	Bob
Board votes on motion provided by Warren Hayslip for ministers' housing allowance. Ministers prepare requests for compensation allocation for the tax year 2021. Yearly Board approval is a requirement of the Internal Revenue Code. It allows the ministers to reduce their tax burden by having a portion of their pay classified as a housing allowance. This does not affect the church budget.		
Motion: To accept Warren Hayslip's recommendation for our ministers' housing allowance for the tax year 2021. Motion by: Aroop Mangalik 2 nd by: George Bakula Result: Passed unanimously		
6:45	Board Officers	All
Vote on whether to elect Sally as secretary (continued role) and George as Vice President (new role).		
Motion: Sally Wistrand will serve as Secretary of the Board and George Bakula will serve as Vice President		
Minutes: Both were approved by acclamation		
6:55	Consent agenda: Board meeting minutes, executive staff report, program staff report, treasurer's report, president's report	All
Please review meeting minutes and reports in advance and prepare any questions or comments. Vote on whether to accept reports.		
Motion: Approve the meeting minutes and accept the reports. Motion by: Melisa Nicoud 2 nd by: Faye Rafferty Result: Passed unanimously Minutes: Questions were answered regarding the Financial Report		
7:05	ARC Building Update	George
Hear update from ARC Building Task Force and generate a list of questions / data points that the Board would need to feel comfortable making a recommendation to hold a special Congregational Meeting to vote on whether to take on a mortgage of a particular \$ figure.		
Minutes: George Bakula and Gwen Sawyer reviewed the ARC Building information. Questions were asked and answered. There was good discussion on the possibility of purchasing the ARC Building.		
7:30	Standing Committees - Discussion	All

Discuss items to work through on committees:

- Finance: 2020 Board asked questions about the church's assets, and a report from John Wimberly recommended consolidating or eliminating Financial Review Committee (replacing with audit), which would require an update to Policy Manual.
- Building & Grounds / Landscape: 2020 Board heard that these 2 committees needed to merge (will require update to Policy manual).
- Reminder: Send bullet points with updates from your committees by Tuesday, March 9. If your committee won't meet by then, please work with the chair to get a briefing of any items to share with the board.

Minutes: The above stated issues with the different committees were discussed and each committee will bring back recommendations to the board.

7:45	Gratitude Practice	All
Recognized person: Vance Bass - Music	Aroop Mangalik	
Recognized person: IT volunteers -	George Bakula	
Recognized person: Rebecca Gracey at Food Pantry	Melisa Nicoud	
7:55	Next steps	All
Next meeting will be March 16, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.		
8:00	Adjourn	All

Key Dates: All dates subject to COVID-19 guidance

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