

UUABQ Board Meeting Minutes - 11/17/2020, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Attendees

Board Members: George Bakula, Heather Clark, Gina Kennedy, Marilyn O'Boyle, Faye Rafferty, Mikaela Renz-Whitmore, Dumas Slade, Raven Reed Starr, Sally Wistrand, Angela Herrera (ex-officio member)

Guests: Bob LaVallee

Absent: Doug Loescher, Aroop Mangalik

Agenda / Minutes

Time	Item	Owner
6:30	Chalice Lighting and Check-In	George
A time to get centered and share anything that might affect how you engage in this meeting.		
6:35	Consent Agenda: board meeting minutes, executive staff report, program staff report, treasurer's report (verbal), president's report	All
Please review reports in advance and prepare any questions or comments. Vote on whether to receive reports.		
Motion: Approve the written and verbal reports as given		
Motion by: George Bakula		
2nd by: Dumas Slade		
Minutes: Faye Rafferty reviewed the financial report as of the end of October 2020 and answered questions.		
Result: Passed Unanimously		
6:40	ARC Task Force	Heather
Board vote on whether to appoint an ARC task force co-led by George Bakula and Gwen Sawyer with five members, Geri Knoebel, Linda Skye, Jake Barkdoll, Rick Kennedy, and Kevin Whitmore, to explore what to do about the ARC building. See attached proposal for charge to the task force.		
Motion: Approve George Bakula and Gwen Sawyer as the ARC Task Force Co-Leads, and Geri Knoebel, Linda Skye, Jake Barkdoll, Rick Kennedy, and Kevin Whitmore to be on the ARC Task Force.		
Motion by: Dumas Slade		
2 nd by: Sally Wistrand		
Minutes: Heather introduced the proposal for an ARC Task Force to handle the exploration of purchasing the ARC building in the absence of a Director of Finance. Questions were asked and answered. Board members gave input on what information they would like to be included in the exploration process.		
Result: Passed unanimously		
7:00	Board pledge calls	Heather
Board decides which week we will do pledge calls. Script attached. Names coming.		
Minutes: Heather Clark explained that we have several people who have not turned in their pledges and the board members will need to be making calls to those people. Bob LaVallee stated that we are little behind where we were last year. Consensus was that we will make the calls November 20-23 and send results to Kathryn Probasco.		
7:05	Look ahead on COVID	Angela, All
General discussion on COVID and a look forward. The holidays could bring up questions from the congregation and thoughts of the future.		
Minutes: Rev. Angela Herrera discussed the COVID Council says it is way to dangerous for us to do in-person services for the holidays. Services will be on-line.		
7:15	Director of Operations and Finance plans and path forward	Angela

Discussion to inform the board about what is happening with this important position and the path forward.		
Minutes: Rev. Angela Herrera discussed how the office is planning to move forward with our Director of Finance will be replaced. We will be hiring a professional person to help look at our church staffing and help direct our efforts. The recommendations will also include the possibility of us getting the ARC building.		
7:25	Sabbatical plans	Angela
Angela will inform the board about her upcoming sabbatical and plans being put in place to keep things chugging along.		
Minutes: Rev. Angela informed the board about her plans for her upcoming sabbatical and the plans for keeping services and the work of the church going forward.		
7:35	Thoughts on annual meeting agenda	All
Discussion about anything the board wants to bring to the congregation. Is there anything we need or want the congregation to vote on?		
Minutes: There were no suggestions of questions to bring to the congregation.		
7:45	Temperature check	All
Discussion of how we are all feeling or what we're thinking about the state of things as church leaders. We will continue this next month after we make pledge calls to capture any input from current or past pledgers.		
Minutes: Board members expressed what they are experiencing with no in-person services and how we feel with the virtual services and zoom meetings.		
7:50	Recognitions	All
Recognized person: Rick Held written by Heather Clark.		
Recognized person: Melissa Nicoud written by George Bakula.		
Recognized person: Nancy Bowen written by Mikaela Renz-Whitmore.		
7:55	Next steps	All
At the next meeting, we will do Angela's review, maybe hear more about ARC and the budget. Anything else?		
Minutes: An hour will be set aside for Angela's review.		
8	Adjourn	All

Key Dates: All dates subject to COVID-19 guidance

- 12/15 Next board meeting
- 1/5 Possible board meeting, if needed for budget deliberations.
- 1/19 Board meeting