

UUABQ Board Meeting Minutes - 5/18/2021, 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)

Guests:

Absent:

Agenda / Minutes

Time	Item	Owner
6:30	Chalice Lighting and Check-In	Mikaela
A time to get centered and share with each other.		
6:40	Consent agenda: Board meeting minutes, executive staff report, program staff report, treasurer's report, president's report, committee updates	All
Please review meeting minutes and reports in advance and prepare any questions or comments. Vote on whether to receive reports.		
Motion: Approve the meeting minutes, reports, and committee updates. Motion by: George Bakula 2 nd by: Melisa Nicoud		
Minutes: Bob LaVallee updated his report to state that our guidelines allow us to reopen to small groups. The small groups have been sent notices. We are going to reopen in stages. Our entire staff were not with us prior to COVID and therefore don't know what the campus looks like with groups meeting there. The opening to small groups will begin June 1, 2021. An official notice will go out this week. It was asked if we are going to require vaccination. The answer was that we will not ask. It was asked if the board would like to start to meet in person. Some wanted to meet in person and some wanted to stay on zoom. It was suggested that the board might meet in a park for a social event.		
Vote: passed		
7:09	Special Congregational Meeting Debrief	All
Discuss the process, outcome, and next steps for the Arc Building.		
Minutes: All motions passed. It was asked if purchasing the ARC building will be included in the strategic planning committees work. It will be included. It was asked what the ordination of Jane Davis will look like. Rev. Bob LaVallee said that wasn't certain yet. Several people stated their pleasure with the outcome of the meeting.		
7:17	Policy Updates	Mikaela
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Combine Financial Review Committee and Finance Committee● Combine Buildings & Grounds / Landscape Committee● Add Large Group procedures for COVID safety (when ready)● Add general voting procedures for committees that don't specify them in their own procedures - ask Christine Robinson, Michael McDonald about 1990s. Depends on the charge to that committee.● Revise Endowment Committee policies?● Disaster recovery / procedures? - Safety committee - Michael McDonald, Chris Mayo		

Minutes: Faye Rafferty stated she'd try to have some thoughts to present at the next meeting on combining the Financial Review Committee and Finance Committee and revising the endowment committee policies. The Combining Building & Grounds and Landscape Committee is being worked on. Not all are comfortable with combining these two committees. The COVID task force is meeting this coming Thursday to start working on us starting to open to large group meetings. There was extensive discussion about the Disaster recovery/procedures and the Safety committee (Michael McDonald, Chris Mayo). It was discussed about whether we should consider digital voting in some circumstances. Some thought this should be VERY carefully controlled if we do it but overall do not think this is a good idea. Some thought it might be possible under certain circumstances. There is nothing in the Congregational policies or the board policies that states how individual committees vote. It was suggested we create a policy to cover any committee that does not have a stated policy on how decisions are made; i.e. "a simple majority determines the decision." There was much discussion on this subject.

7:47	Delegates to General Assembly	All
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Approve delegates for the General Assembly.

- George Bakula
- Linda Poindexter Chase
- Mara Hoffman
- Mia Noren
- Peggy Roberts
- Sue Redfern-Campbell

Motion: *Approve the delegates listed above as delegates for First Unitarian of Albuquerque at the UUA General Assembly.*

Motion by: Faye Rafferty

2nd by: Milagros Padilla

Minutes: Rev. Bob LaVallee described what our delegates that represent us at the General Assembly do. He presented who is recommended to be our delegates. General Assembly is June 23-27. George Bakula noted that we can have more delegates than this. The church will cover the expenses for anyone that cannot afford the registration fee. George Bakula stated it'd be good if a youth could go to General Assembly.

7:55	Radical Generosity Request for Calls	All
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Give status update of calls. Redistribute any calls left to make.

Minutes: Reports were given on how the calls went. Suggestions were made for improving this next year.

8:03	Gratitude Practice	All
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Recognized person: Michael McDonald - Carla Williams

Recognized person: ARC Task Force members - George Bakula

Recognized person:

8:08	Next steps	All
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Next meeting will be **June 15, 6:30 p.m.** via Zoom.

Minutes: If you haven't signed up for Coffee Hour for the Board and Chalice Lighting.....please do. It was asked by a board member that we discuss the 8th Principle and diversity at the next meeting.

8:12	Adjourn	All
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Key Dates: All dates subject to COVID-19 guidance

- May 23, Coffee (hour) with the Board - Melisa and Mikaela
- June 15, Next Board Meeting