

UUABQ Board Meeting Agenda - 9/20/2022, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Attendees

Board Members: George Bakula, Dámaris Donado, Joyce Etheredge, Kathi Foy, Melisa Nicoud, Mikaela Renz-Whitmore, Bill Slakey, Carla Williams, The Rev. Angela Herrera (ex-officio member)

Guests: Kristin Famula (Intern), Geri Knoebel (Chair of Policy Task Force), the Rev. Bob LaVallee, Sue Coates (Leadership Succession Committee), Peggy Roberts (Widening the Circle)

Absent: Aroop Mangalik, Maya Stephenson

Acting Secretary: (Kathi) Mikaela

Zoom: 931 0879 7097

Agenda / Minutes

Time	Item	Owner
6:30	Chalice Lighting and Check-In	Kathi
A time to get centered and share with each other. “What is a fall ritual or event you look forward to?”		
6:40	Consent agenda: Board meeting minutes, executive staff report, president’s report, program staff report	All
Board to review and discuss meeting minutes and reports. Motion: Accept the reports and approve the minutes. Motion by: Joyce 2 nd by: Melisa Vote: Unanimous Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rentals for ABQ Center for Spiritual Living and the Minara Muslim Community will be in various spaces.		
6:50	Healthy Community Committee Workshop Funds Request	Mikaela / Angela
Board to discuss healthy community committee workshop fund request of \$350 for a facilitator with expertise in skills for healthy conflict on October 8. Motion: Approve funds for the HCC workshop. Motion by: Melisa 2 nd by: George Vote: Unanimous Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Participants would be limited to 25 and asked to contribute \$15 each for registration.		
7:00	Proposed Policy Changes	Mikaela
Board to discuss and vote on proposed policy changes from the Policy Task Force related to removing references to the Financial Review Committee, updating the responsibilities for the Finance Committee, reducing the Board to 9 members. Board to review related Bylaw changes and vote whether to send them to the congregation for a vote at the annual meeting in January. Motion: Approve policy changes related to removing references to the Financial Review Committee, updating the responsibilities for the Finance Committee, reducing the Board to 9 members, as presented.		

Motion by: George

2nd by: Carla

Vote: Unanimous

Minutes:

- Presentation from Geri Knoebel, chair of Policy Task Force
 - Bylaws - last updated 2017
 - Congregation - delete Financial Review Committee as standing committee
 - Board/Committee amendments
 - Membership amendments
 - Policy - Board approves
 - 1 Overview
 - 2 Governance
 - 3 Finance
 - Add responsibilities to Finance Committee
 - Amend gift policy
- Question - "Friends" - ministers can waive for financial hardship

7:25	8th Principle Task Force Update	Dámaris / Maya
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Board to discuss latest updates from the 8th Principle Task Force.

Minutes:

- Reached out to 28 church groups
- Scheduled to meet with > half
- Introduce Intercultural Development Inventory
- Survey - interest of participating, adopting 8th principle
- Widening the Circle event
- Meeting with 2 IDI administrators within UU faith
- Meeting again on Oct. 8

7:35	Safe Outdoor Spaces Application Update / Process	Bob
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Board to discuss the First Unitarian application to host a Safe Outdoor Space, the decision-making process, and any other considerations to keep in mind.

Minutes:

- Revising / clarifying application
- City Council did not overturn veto
 - Moved funding dedicated to SOS to different area for homelessness. Hoping mayor will veto. Counting on that funding to make that work
 - Sent bill to remove SOS from zoning code to Planning Commission, which recommended approval
- Neighbor concern. This will be supervised, screened, have appropriate facilities.
- The camps will come whether want them or not. Unsanctioned, unsupervised or supervised?
- After-school tutoring - fencing - how affect parents picking up kids
- Folks will be screened - the working unhoused, unhoused families - and this will be a safe space
- Have committed partnership with Faithworks and Streetsafe New Mexico for casework
- Bob managed a homeless shelter and day center in New York
- This does not require a vote of the BOD, but BOD will be kept in the loop

7:45	Sabbatical	Angela
<p>Board to discuss and vote on sabbatical dates for the Rev. Bob LaVallee and Laira Magnusson.</p> <p>Motion: Approve sabbatical dates starting July 1 for 4 months for the Rev. Bob LaVallee and starting mid-February for 10 weeks for Laira Magnusson.</p> <p>Motion by: Carla 2nd by: Kathi Vote: Unanimous</p>		
7:50	Sculpture Donation	Bob
<p>Board discussed a possible donation of a sculpture.</p> <p>Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6 feet tall ● Appraised at \$55,000 <p>Board unanimously declined the gift of said sculpture. Bob will relay the news.</p>		
7:55	Gratitude Practice	All
<p>Recognized person: Michael McDonald and Nancy Shane - George Recognized person: William Baker - George Recognized person: Vance Bass - George</p>		
8:00	Adjourn	All

Key Dates: All dates subject to COVID-19 guidance

- Next board meeting: Tuesday, October 18 (Melisa on tap for chalice, opening question, and secretary duties)
- Saturday, November 5th @ 9 am - 12 pm - Board Book Club
 - *Widening the Circle of Concern*, about 200 pages