First Unitarian Board Meeting

August 17, 2024 - 10AM-12PM

ON-LINE https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93108797097

AGENDA

Board Members: EmmaLia Mariner (VP), Andrea Lee, Bill Slakey, Carla Williams, Donna Collins, William Miller, Chris Mayo

Guest: Rev. Bob LaVallee (Guest)

Absent: Rev. Angela Herrera (Ex-officio Member), Michael McDonald (Treasurer), Dámaris Donado (President)

CHALICE LIGHTING

- Volunteer for chalice reading.
- Volunteer to light the chalice.

Created in the Image of Love

Each of us was created in the image of Love.
Wherever we come from, wherever we're going.
Whoever we are, whomever we love.
We proclaim with Love on our side:
Our bodies are sacred. Our minds are blessed. Our spirits are beloved.
May we be open to receive more love, always more Love.

- Karishma Gottfried

Minutes available here.

Read Board Covenant Aloud **Board Covenant**

Check in– how are you this morning?

Volunteer to take notes for the day?

1. **Approving the Minutes: LINK:**
    i. Section 5, I – change “a ton” to approx. 30 percent
    a. Motion to Approve: William
    b. Second: Chris
    c. All vote in Favor

2. **Consent Agenda: LINK:**
    a. Executive Staff Report:
        i. Executive Staff Report August 2024
            1. Little discussion
        ii. EmmaLia note: No specific budget agenda item. Bigger budget conversation when Bryan is present next meeting.
            1. Donna – Excited about rental income up.

    b. Staff Reports

    Program Staff Report to Board.docx

    Chris – With new RE progam model, RE council will meet with youth parents about switching timing to during second service; will let youth decide. In general, changes are on their way but still evolving. Notes parents really are too burned out to volunteer – seeking other volunteers who relate well with kids, are calm and consistently present.

3. **Ordaining Kristen Famula**
    a. Call for a vote on Sept 29 *after church service* to ordain Kristin Famula.
        i. Need board members to volunteer to do logistics for this vote.

1. EmmaLia
2. William
3. Andrea
4. Chris
5. Bill

ii. Plan is to do this after service. During service does not make sense as this is a member-only activity.

iii. Logistics will be determined by the first week in September.

4. Charges for Task Forces

a. <u>Campus Master Plan</u>:
LINK: Charge to the Task Force for Campus Master Planning 2024

Volunteers
- Nancy McGuire
- Mikaela Renz-Whitmore
- William Miller (board member)
- Reverend Bob

William, can you give us an update from the meeting?

William: Due date for report unrealistic; pushing this date back to spring. Active participation; will be setting dates for meetings with interested parties. Also looking back at 2009 plan for direction. Solicited info using cards last Sunday.

b. **<u>Mission Statement</u>**:
LINK: Charge for Mission Statement Task Force 2024

Update on volunteers for this task force.

Volunteers
- Marilyn O'Boyle
- Jane E Hockett
- Jerilyn Bowen

At this point, it is unclear if this task force will continue. The members requested more volunteers including recruiting people of color. The POC group

was contacted but no one volunteered. In addition, several past presidents were contacted but that did not yield more volunteers.

Discussion: Bob – if people are not interested right now, we won't get good energy. Can't force it. Plenty going on in other areas.

c. **Buildings and Grounds**
LINK: Charge for Buildings and Grounds Task Force.docx

Update on volunteers for this task force.

Chris, do you have an update?

Update: Talked with Steve Phillips. He won't be able to serve. Chris is actively recruiting; looking for people with engineering backgrounds; also people comfortable with calling other churches to research. Putting request into the messenger (Tom Hopkins?); Needing to broaden search for people. ALl board members should keep ears to ground.

5. **Committee Updates** **Standing Committees Updates - 2024**
   a. HCC didn't meet (EmmaLia)
   b. Andrea – See Laira's report re Membership committee
   c. Chris – RadGen is on track. (Bill – budget target from Bryan is welcome)

Note: Who updates about Standing Committees? (Bill – Board representatives, I think)

Committee leaders: Link to contacts for committee leaders

6. **75th Anniversary Update**
   a. Service on Sept 29th- Rev. Bob

See letter from Geri. Lots of exciting things happening.

7. **Board Member Opportunities for Interaction with Church**

LINK to Proposal: Membership Activities Proposal_4_2024 (1).docx

Donna – Tomorrow first coffee with board 10:15. She'll be contacting people to volunteer for future opportunities.

8. **Recognitions?** "On behalf of the Board…"

a. William Baker and Ted Zuschlag, zoom dj's- (William volunteers)
b. Camp volunteers? Bob – They work so hard! (Bill will get names and send cards)

9. **Board Schedule for 2024**

- **3rd Saturday of the month @ 10am** (1.5 - 2 hours)
    - *February (virtual), March (in-person), April (virtual), May (in-person), June (virtual), July (in-person), August (virtual),* September (in-person), October (virtual). November (in-person), December (virtual).
    - Virtual link is always the same: **https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93108797097**.
    - In-Person meetings at the conference room in the Social Hall.

10. **Closing Chalice Words**

Volunteer to read: EmmaLia

Daring Vision

We extinguish this chalice flame,
daring to carry forward the vision of this free faith,
that freedom, reason and justice
will one day prevail in this nation and across the earth.

- Maureen Killoran