

**KEWEENAW UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
BOARD MEETING**

KUUF Church

Date:10/20/24

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82213508549>

Present: Lora Repp, Elen Maurer, Trista Gersie, Pete Ekstrom, Lucinda Enderby, John Gale, Jane Bodi, Elaine Eikenberry, Melissa Williamson

Absent: none

Ex-Officio: none

Guests: Miriam Pickens

AGENDA

Preamble

1. Chalice lighting
2. Agenda planning/changes

Fiduciary and Regular Business

Consensus agenda:

1. Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2024 presented. Melissa moved to accept, Cindy seconded. All approved 9.
2. Treasurer's report-Financial report-We have money We are happy. PNL-Net ordinary \$6,000 as of Sept 30th. \$8,000 interest from the Susan Hooker funds. 3, 700 PNL Pledge income ahead of schedule. No questions, Melissa moved to approve, John seconded. All approved 9
3. Updates on KUUF bank accounts- Phase 1 of renovations are complete. signers on the bank account need to be updated as capital expenses will come out of the operating account. Checking account for Bridge St. property signers are Cindy, Paul, Melissa and Elen. Proposed signers for the operating account for Bridge St will be Lora Repp, Elen Maurer and Lucinda Enderby. Martha Cunnings is approved to write checks. Jane moved to accept, Trista seconded. All in favor 9. Will receive approved motion for Cindy to take to the bank.

Strategic Work

1. Building Business

- Air quality – John -Treated the carpentering twice with non chemicals. Carol Grafford will get back to John on updates with the Monday morning meditation groups experience. John brought to discussion Considering buying ionizer or ozonator to increase ozone. Considered cost is \$429 and is able to cover a 4,000 sq ft area. We have \$2,000 donated to address the air quality concerns. Cindy motions to approve the purchase if John feels it is appropriate after online research. Lora seconded. All approved 9
 - KUUF building Usage Policy (requests are coming in) – Melissa and Elen- 1. Document: Building Usage Policy will be sent by email to the board for approval. 2. Usage guidelines are formatted and used to create an MOU with the Brownies troop. Will approve at the next board meeting. November 17, 2024. Example-Heidi and Lori's 70's dance party qualifies as member usage.
 - Firearms Policy -Trista-After feedback and minor modification Cindy moves to accept. Elen seconds. All in favor of approving the Firearms Policy 9. Document will be given to Melissa and John for the binder and will be stored in the google docs online
 - Tech support for events – Lora, Melissa, John, Elen and Elaine have received training on how to use the sound systems from Juxta. There are 3 simple steps to turn on and off the microphone at the podium. Additional requests for screen and zoom access to be used in the building need to be trained through Juxta if needed.
Juxta will be doing tech for the memorial service for Phyllis Bouttier.
 - Snow removal – John- we have 2 keys for the snow blower. One will be inside the wooden fence on a hook. The other one will be in the building in the extra key folder. Discussion of volunteers for snow removal. Lora will submit a request for volunteers to the digest. Lets see who is available. Snow removal will include once per snow day snow removal from the contractor and will need to be supplemented by snowblower and shoveling as needed. We are learning this property. Starting with a request for volunteers.
2. **Personnel Committee Updates** – Elen Personnel Committee hasn't been available for meeting. They are anticipating meeting in November.
- Do we approve the hiring of Sherry Cheek for pianist? Cindy moved to accept. Melissa seconded. All approved 9

- Child Care Provider- We are searching for a childcare provider.
- Cleaning Person-Heidi Bresnehan accepted the position. All grateful.
- UUA requires that we enroll all employees no matter how long they work into the UUA retirement systems. Personnel will work on a document that allows them to decline if they don't want that benefit. Trista indicated an interest in joining the personnel committee to support this work with her knowledge.

3. Events

- Open House Wrap up – Trista-Open house is wrapped up. Turn out was good. feedback was good. New people have been attending after the Open House.
- KBOCC Special Collection report – Lora, Justice Ministry Announced at church. We are giving 2 scholarships. We have received donations of over \$1,000 to the scholarship
- Boutillier Memorial Service-November 9 1:00pm. There will be a short service, fellowship and snacks followed by the internment. Juxta will provide tech support for the event. Karen, a family member, will help to set up. Fellowship is invited.
- Transgender Day of Remembrance-November 20th-Lora- Justice Ministry is coordinating with folks at Tech Keweenaw Queers. Approval for the KUUF building for the event is shared. KQ contacted us and asked to use the space.

4. Scouts Update-Melissa

- Scouts have a national scout Sunday. Discussion of what that could look like with KUUF. Scouts will earn a patch by providing a service for their sponsoring organization-KUUF. Feb 2nd considered. Board approves of the idea. More information required.
- Ben Hummer- Catio at Humane Society will not be built until the spring. He is willing to attend a service and talk about his project. Discussion: Could this be used during blessing of the animals. Bucky may be interested in handing that yearly service. Discussion will go through the Worship committee. Announcements could be a good time for the scout to speak. Possible one time donation collection opportunity. The funding is not needed until spring. More time to make plans. Next Worship committee meeting November 12, 2024 Lora will bring up the topic.

- 5. Stewardship/Development Committee – Lora** . This will be discussed at the next board meeting. Who would like to be on that committee? Will create the committee- Ask folks outside of the board who will want to serve.

6. **Thank You note Recommendations** - Elaine received 3 suggestions
7. **Connection to UUA**-Lora KUUF's connection is tenuous without Stacy. Lora is thinking of ways to re-introduce UUA concepts. Lora and Elen met with UUA mid america representative. Discussion- Bullet points from the Covenant have been read and appreciated in the past. Jan Dalquist's history lesson while doing the chalice lighting also brought us closer to UUA. Interest in Adult Education. Board agrees more UUA connections would be valuable.
8. **Next meeting date:** November 17th