

RED RIVER UU
BOARD MEETING AUGUST 20, 2023
ALEXANDER ROOM AT 12:40 PM

Present: Amy, Jim, Carole, Don, Jana and David

1. Called to order at 12:50 PM (delayed start due to removing items from the garages that were placed on the curb for pickup by City of Denison)
2. Consideration of July minutes distributed- approved as presented
3. Finance Report- Carole

We started a new fiscal year on July 1. Income was unusually high in July due to payments of annual pledge amounts by some of our very generous donors. A special thanks to everyone for pledging for this new year.

In the month of July, we had total receipts of \$15,908.62. Total expenses for the month were \$7,059.69, leaving us with a net profit for the month of \$8,848.93. The net profit for the month was primarily due to the timing of pledge income, partly offset by the annual UUA Program Fund expense and by repairs to the wheelchair lift.

As of July 31, 2023, we had \$18,951.82 available in checking. There is a total of \$20,709.72 in all savings accounts, including \$4,317.08 restricted for the Minister Fund and \$5,951.89 held in trust for Kat Walston from the sale of her personal effects prior to moving into assisted living. There is a total of \$66,784.40 invested in the UUA Common Endowment Fund.

In addition to pledges for operational expenses, we also need pledges for the minister's compensation fund. In addition to individual pledges, the congregation has voted to use up to \$51,000.00 of the Endowment Fund for minister compensation, if needed. Additional pledges can be made by contacting the minister search team.

4. Lack of Security System and Fire Alarms- Jana
Jana's husband is an expert on security. He advised her and she reported several areas where we are deficient. This will be a work in progress to determine what we can afford to do. Jana is to create a line-item action list for the board.
5. Minister search Team Report & Strategic Plan revision- Jim
Jim talked with Daniel Polk regarding our NTUUC grant. Polk advised Jim to ask for what we need towards being able to hire a minister. Our grant request will be \$90,000. to cover 2 years. Jim has prepared the grant request, grant narrative and a strategic plan to be included in the request. The Board voted and approved the grant narrative and updated strategic plan.
6. Ideas for other special events- all
 - a. Fan drive for next year
 - b. School supply drive for next year
 - c. June 19th picnic
 - d. Coat drive
7. Community Outreach and Activities- Amy
 - a. Psychic and Holistic Fair booth- Amy
Amy said we did not have a booth and the event was poorly attended. Amy, Jim, Jana and Jim/ Marsha Reynolds did attend. The booth vendors are all out of towners who travel to different wholistic fairs. Since they aren't local, they would not be a good target audience for us.

- b. Next clothing swap will be held in Oct. The swap had only 9 families participate over 2 days, so Adrian decided not to attempt 2-day swaps again.
 - c. Donated school supplies- some have been distributed. What's left will be put into our Little Free Library
8. Report on textiles recycling bin placement- Amy
This is still a work in progress due to requirements in the city ordinance that prohibit spacing from residences. Amy will visit with the director of development to ask if the distance in the ordinance is a typo and ask if pursuing a variance would be worthwhile.
 9. Request for funding from the Aesthetics Committee- Amy
 - a. Redo the way the quilts in the sanctuary are hung to make them look better
 - b. Frame our RRUU achievements and who we are affiliated with and hang them on the wall you face when exiting the sanctuary
 - c. Amy is requesting \$165.45 to accomplish these 2 changes. A vote was taken on the request and approved
 - d. It was suggested that an article be written for the newsletter to solicit donations toward the aesthetics committee projects since these items are not included in the budget, and the funds will be taken from savings.
 10. Registration for upcoming festivals and events- Amy
 - a. Artfest to be held on Sept 16th to promote our Tues groups of Yoga and the 'Power of Now' and continue to sell raffle tickets for the quilt
 - b. Pride to be held on Oct 21st, we will not participate in the Denison Fall Festival
 - c. Need more volunteers
 11. Report on revised strategic plan- Jim/ already discussed
 12. Report on grant request- Jim/ already discussed
 13. Chamber of Commerce Reports- Jan/ attached
 14. Request from Grayson Pride to Welcoming Congregation Committee to host Friendsgiving on November 16th and Christmas Gathering on December 16th
The Board approved
 15. 3- day summers children's SumFun program for summer of 2024
Marilyn and Megan have taken the OWL certification class and hope to get ideas that will also support the summer fun classes
 16. Reports from other teams in attendance- none
 17. Discussion of other items
Marilyn has contracted a lawn service; the board will watch progress in case there is a need to find another company
 18. Board Reps
Aug- Marilyn/ Sept- Carole/ Oct- Jim/ Nov- Don/Dec- Amy
 19. Next Board Meeting September 17th at 12:40 PM
 20. Adjourned 1:53 PM

Prepared by David Dyer