

RED RIVER UU
BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 15, 2023
ALEXANDER ROOM AT 12:40 pm

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

1. Called to order at 12:33
2. Consideration of September minutes were approved
3. Finance report- Carole

In the month of September, we had total receipts of \$2,957.61. Total expenses for the month were \$4,568.92, leaving us with a net loss for the month of (\$1,611.31). The net loss for the month was primarily due to costs to improve building security and to the timing of various other budgeted costs.

We had a net profit for the fiscal year-to-date of \$3,494.61. The year-to-date net profit was primarily due to the timing of pledge income, partly offset by costs to improve building security and the timing of various other budgeted costs.

As of September 30, 2023, we had \$13,559.89 available in checking. There is a total of \$20,747.33 in the bank savings account, including \$4,352.08 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. The congregation voted to use up to \$51,000.00 of the Endowment Fund for minister compensation, if needed.

The quarterly pledge reports have been sent out.

4. Minister Search Team Report- Jim

At this point we are waiting for a response from NTUUK for our grant request

5. Report on Board Retreat (summarized in Fall packet) Discussed:

- a. Mission/ vision statement
- b. Delegating responsibilities to get more involvement of less active members
- c. Progression to having a contract minister
- d. Building membership
- e. Stewardship campaign

6. Approval of Revised Strategic Plan

Jim will send out plan and vote will be taken by email

7. Fall Congregational Meeting October 22, 2023

- a. Opening reading and chalice lighting- Don
- b. Closing reading and extinguishing chalice- Amy
- c. New member ceremony will be held in morning assembly

8. Congregation Meeting- open discussion

Ask for volunteers for the following:

- a. Fan drive for next year
- b. School supply drive for next year
- c. June 19th picnic
- d. Thus far Amy has found no one to coordinate with. Jack will check with Denison/ Sherman contacts to look for support

9. Earth Day Festival

10. Another person to join team #1 for Conservation and Calories (1st Sunday)
11. Safe Congregation
12. NTUUC Safety Workshop report- Attended by Amy and Marilyn at Horizon
Learned many safety measures we will begin to enact. Also, learned FEMA
Gives grants to non-profits to aid with this
13. Weddings and other events using our building.
Jack is ordained to officiate weddings. She will spread the work in her circle. It
was determined someone should be at the door for security purposes
14. Jim advised the ADT security will be installed on Wednesday
15. Community Outreach and Activities- Amy
 - a. Clothing Swap was held last Saturday with 15 families attending
 - b. Pride Fest will be October 21st at Mustang Creek event center
 - c. FriendsGiving will be November 18th from 2-4 PM
 - d. LGBTQ+ Gift Exchange/ Christmas Gathering will be December 16th
 - e. Jan advised a ribbon cutting with Denison Chamber will be held at Red River on March 6th, 3-5
PM
16. Report on textiles recycling bin placement-Amy/ presently on hold
17. Chambers of Commerce October Reports- Jan
 - a. Ribbon Cuttings with RRUU trifold to business:
 - Wise Wolf Gold & Silver Denison
 - Pro Auto Glass Denison
 - Cadence Bank Sherman
 - HTeaO Sherman
 - Best Care Family Medicine Sherman
 - Rebellion Arts Tatoo Denison
 - Denison After Hours
 - Desk & Easel Denison
 - b. Plug In Texoma Sherman
To sell quilt raffle tickets
Contact CASA to plan as guest speaker in February
 - c. Social Justice Report

Texas UU Justice Ministry resumed the Thursday Action Hour at 7pm on September 7. I share the Action Hour plan with members of the RRUU Social Justice Team to encourage their participation. I generally get at least 2 – 4 of the items done on my own. I also share requests for Action from UUJM for the John Lewis Voting Rights bill (sent this to Wednesday Updates), Farming for our Future action, Information from Daniel Polk re UUJM in the Middle East, requests from TXUUJM in conjunction with 2 scheduled executions this month to oppose them, info on the zoom event “A Fascist Campaign in Full View; October UUJM Newsletter, a request for action to contact Abbott in protest to his special session to get school vouchers in place for schools which takes money from public education...but I missed this past week and will forward next week. UUJM provides a wide variety of topics to be active.

Amy H-S and I scheduled 10 volunteers for 7 locations throughout Sherman/Denison for National Voter Registration Day. We registered 21 new and 3 change of address. We will plan this again next year.

18. Three-day children's SumFun program for July 2024 in planning stage. Marilyn, David, Megan, Melleissa and Jack will plan stories/ lessons, games and crafts
19. Reports from other teams- none
20. Discussion of other items
Fall 2023 minutes will stand as is
21. Board Reps
Oct- Jim/ Nov- Don/ Dec- Amy/ Jan- David/ Feb- Marilyn/ Mar- Carole
22. Next Board meeting is November 19th at 12:40 in Alexander Room
23. Adjourned at 1:30 PM

Prepared by David Dyer