

BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2023
ALEXANDER ROOM AT 12:40 PM

Present: Marilyn, Jim, Carole, Don and David

1. Meeting called to order at 12:32
2. Consideration of Minutes as distributed- approved as presented
3. Finance Report- Carole

In the month of November, we had total receipts of \$2,269.00. Total expenses for the month were \$2,432.19, leaving us with a small net loss for the month of (\$163.19).

We had a net profit for the fiscal year-to-date of \$3,234.03. The year-to-date net profit was primarily due to higher other income, partly offset by costs to improve building security and the timing of various other costs.

As of November 30, 2023, we had \$13,299.31 available in checking. There is a total of \$20,747.33 in the bank savings account, including \$4,667.08 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.

Our safe deposit box is at Independent Bank. The persons with access are currently Helen Schultz and Richard Powell. The Board voted to replace Helen Schultz and Richard Powell with Amy Hoffman-Shehan and Carole Harner.

Jim will call our insurance concerning the additional auto policy and to see if there is a way to reduce the monthly rate, which increased considerably.

4. Minister Search Team Report- Jim
Jim advised we are officially on the Minister portal. He also spoke with Cameron Young, our UUA Rep for the Southern Region. Cameron advised he would help us with Chalice Lighters grants.
5. Website changes- Jim
Jim will add a section stating we are currently looking for a Minister. He will also add to Give Butter a place where people can add to the Minister fund. Jim and Marla will make other changes as needed.
6. Safe Congregation and Emergency Preparedness update- Jim and Amy will continue addressing changes after the first of the year.
7. Red River UU is helping a mother and daughter who have been able to leave the shelter.
Marla has collected \$200 and picked up a gift card in that amount which she delivered to the shelter and Marilyn delivered bedding and a blanket. Amy is donating leftovers from our old IKEA dinnerware (10 dinner plates, 9 salad plates, 1 bowl) plus 3 melamine bowls left over from our old sets. I am also donating a set of ceramic mixing bowls, a set of queen sheets, a small wood book case and some age-appropriate books for the daughter.
8. Community Outreach and Activities- Amy
Planning for the Texoma Earth Day Festival is underway. We will focus on the benefits of trees as a response to the clear cutting currently underway in Texoma. We are planning on some permanent displays that can be set up every year.
The Welcoming Congregation Team's Family Holiday Gathering was a huge success. We attracted new people we hadn't met before, and we had some previous attendees and members (Lisa and Sam Cates and the Bill, Andie, Mira Mory Family). The Biasi Family, who has joined the team and has helped us with the past two events plans to attend church for the first time today.
9. Chambers and Commerce Reports- Jan
Ribbon Cuttings with trifold to business:

Best Care Family Medicine of Texoma

American Freight

Denison After Hours

Green Growler

Plug-In Texoma Tuesday mornings

Coffee w/the mayor

Denison

Sherman

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Booked for Breakfast at Sherman Chamber Plug-In Texoma for Tuesday, February 27,

10. Ribbon cutting and Open House March 6, 2024 3:00 to 5:00 – Plans to become more complete after the first of the year.

11. “SumFun” in July of 2024- Marilyn and David have questions about what age group to address, where the children will come from, how long each daily session will be, and what curriculum to use.

12. Reports from other teams- none

13. Discussion of any other items

After finishing with set up for the Family Holiday Gathering, we decided to remove items from the basement where there was evidence of rat nesting and chewing (changing table and pad, decorative pillows, and carpet scraps. We discovered that the books that had been lined up on the mantle in the basement had a live termite nest). These issues need immediate attention. If it requires someone planning a work day at the building to be available to let the exterminator into the building, then we need to make those arrangements. I would be available Monday, Wednesday or Friday this week.

14. Board Reps

Jan- David/ Feb-Marilyn/ Mar-Carole/ Apr- Jim/ May- Amy/ June- Don

15. Next Board meeting- January 21, 2024 at 12:40 PM

16. Adjourned at 1:05 PM

Prepared by David Dyer