

RED RIVER UU
BOARD MEETING JANUARY 21, 2024
ALEXANDER ROOM AT 12:40 PM

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

1. Called to order at 12:48
2. Consideration of Minutes as distributed- approved
3. Finance report- Carole

In the month of December, we had total receipts of \$5,003.25. Total expenses for the month were \$3,303.30, leaving us with a net profit for the month of \$1,699.95. The net profit for December was primarily due to the timing of pledge income.

We had a net profit for the fiscal year-to-date of \$4,943.97. The year-to-date net profit was primarily due to higher other income, the timing of pledge income and lower worship expense, partly offset by costs to improve building security and the timing of various other costs.

As of December 31, 2023, we had \$15,006.64 available in checking. There is a total of \$20,749.94 in the bank savings account, including \$4,771.08 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.

4. Minister Search Team report- Jim
Jim advised he has been in contact with Cameron Young. Young reported that our profile is on the UUA portal so that ministers can now look for us. We cannot look for them. Young also said he would help with Chalice Lighters grant for minister compensation fund. Jim also talked to Daniel Polk who advised Denton was losing their Minister. It was suggested that we could partner with them having a $\frac{3}{4}$ time minister here and a $\frac{1}{4}$ time minister there. The Minister Search Team will meet again in February.
5. Congregational Annual Certification- Marilyn and Jim
This is finished and submitted to UUA.
6. Vision Statement Task Force- Amy
Amy will contact the team to get the official vision statement written and submitted so it can be voted on at the Spring Meeting
7. Website changes- Jim and Marla
Our Homepage has been updated to include Minister search. Amy advised that Outreach pages need to be constantly updated to include all events and that church closures due to weather, etc. need to be posted following consultation with AV and Worship Teams.
8. Emergency Preparedness update- Jim and Amy
Amy advised we need to change the name of this team to from Safe Congregation to Emergency Preparedness, since Safe Congregation is entirely different.
Amy also reported that we have the potential to receive a FEMA grant and she is preparing information for that submission
9. Community Outreach and Activities- Amy

Amy reported we held a Family Christmas in December with 30-40 attending.
Adrian also held a New Year's Eve Board Games event in the chapel.
A Fairy Tea party will be held February 10 from 2-4.

10. Chamber of Commerce Reports- Jan

These 2 listed events are our best opportunity to introduce ourselves to the two chambers and to the community.

Plug-In Texoma breakfast will be provided by Red River UU for the Sherman Chamber at 8:00 AM on February 27th at Finley 502 building. Anticipate 25-50 people.

Ribbon Cutting and Open House at Red River UU will be on March 6th from 3:00-5:00. We will be serving appetizers, beer, wine, soft drinks and have door prizes. Anticipate 25-50 people.

11. Appreciation Dinner Pot Luck was set for February 25 following the Morning Assembly.

12. The congregation was asked to approve the Stebbins Amendment that appeared in the Wednesday UPDATE, but the board felt that since no congregational meeting was scheduled prior to the Feb. 1st deadline, we could not approve the Stebbins Amendment for the 2024 GA meeting. However, if it receives approval from at least 15 other congregations, then it will be put on the agenda for our Spring Congregational Meeting. At that time, we will have the opportunity to discuss the amendment and forward our response to our delegates for action prior to the GA Meeting.

13. "Sumfun" for July 2024 has been canceled until we have more children to draw from.

14. Reports from other teams in attendance- none

15. Discussion of other items

a) Following discussion, the board agreed that the Welcoming Congregation committee has evolved in purpose and should be a part of Social Justice.

b) A statement will be added to the Policy and Procedures Manual noting that the church has to apply for Welcoming Status through the UUA regularly when required for continuing designation.

c) Amy reported that for our Giving Tree in December, we received paper towels and some other items, but received no toilet paper.

16. Board reps

Jan- David/ Feb- Marilyn/ Mar- Carole

17. Next Board meeting February 18, 2024 at 12:40 PM

18. Adjourned at 1:50 PM

Prepared by David Dyer