

Red River UU
Board Meeting. March 17, 2024
Minutes of Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order by Marilyn Alexander at 12:47
2. January Minutes were distributed and on the computer screen. No corrections or additions and all approved unanimously.
3. Carole Harner presented the Financial Report.

In the month of February, we had total receipts of \$1,712.00. Total expenses for the month were \$2,867.63, leaving us with a net loss for the month of (\$1,155.63). The net loss for February was primarily due to the timing of pledge income. We had a net profit for the fiscal year-to-date of \$2,904.68. The year-to-date net profit was primarily due to higher other income and lower worship expense, partly offset by costs to improve building security and the timing of various other costs.

As of February 29, 2024, we had \$12,967.35 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. Jim Holmes reported on the Stewardship campaign, which is lagging due to late pledges.
5. Jim also reported the Minister Search Team efforts. No prospects so far. There was discussion on maybe paying tuition for a theology student in return for promise to preach for the church for a year or so.
6. Marilyn reported that the Spring Congregational Meeting will be on May 19. There is a list of reports that are needed. Elections are upcoming, also.
7. Vision statement was presented and discussed. Much discussion on whether a verb was needed and what the object of the vision should be about. No decisions were made at this time.
8. Business cards are completed and printed. Unfortunately, an error was found on one email address.
9. On Emergency Preparedness we need to recharge and/or recertify all fire extinguishers. Our Defibrillator Machine needs recertified, and we should schedule lessons for members on proper use of the machine. We also need exit route directions posted in the hallways, since some users may not be familiar with the church layout. Since we did not get a Unique Identification Number in time, we will plan to apply for the grant next year.
10. Jan gave reports on Plug-in Texoma in Sherman and the successful Ribbon Cutting and Business after Hours at the church.
11. Jan also reported on Chambers of Commerce activities: lots of new business activities.
12. The Appreciation Luncheon was a success, and Marla should be appreciated for organizing it.
13. Discussion ensued on criteria for Facebook postings, and removal by administrator. A policy will be added to the Policy and Procedures Manual.

14. Jan sent photos of the ribbon cutting and Business After Hours chamber reception to Marilyn across the table from phone to phone successfully.
15. Marilyn says Jack is sending photos of her ordainment and verification. Discussion followed the possible problems with cameras in upper rooms where clothing changes may be occurring when a wedding event is renting the building.
16. No other reports were discussed.
Board Reps:
 Jim – April
 Amy – May
 Don - June
17. Next Board Meeting on April 21, at 12:40 PM.
18. Meeting adjourned at 1:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Acting secretary, Don Rogers