

Red River UU
Board Meeting July 21, 2024
Alexander Room at 12:40 PM
Minutes

Call to Order by Jana at 12:45

Minutes of June meeting were distributed. Amy moved to approve with no changes, and David seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Carole gave the finance report:

In the month of June, we had total receipts of \$1,950.58. Total expenses for the month were \$4,355.46, leaving us with a net loss for the month of (\$2,404.88).

The net loss for May was primarily due to the timing of income and to costs for supplies and training.

We had a net profit for the fiscal year-to-date of \$5,704.25. The year-to-date net profit was primarily due to higher other income and the prepayment of some pledges for next year. We also had lower expense for worship, the church app, and religious education. These savings were partly offset by costs to improve building security and an additional donation to the Earth Day Festival.

As of June 30, 2024, we had \$15,761.76 available in checking. There is a total of \$20,755.10 in the bank savings account, including \$4,871.08 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 Savings Fund for minister compensation.

Jim reported on minister search. We are looking at options right now. When we meet on Thursday, 1:00 PM, we have a clearer understanding of where we're going.

Jim talked on Advertising/PR Update. The people who want to improve our website want to take it over and send us monthly bills, and Jim didn't like that idea. He has not found anybody to sit down and advise us on options for more visibility. Amy has some words to add to our search engine optimization, and sent them in a week or two ago.

Jana apologizes for having the June agenda, instead of the July agenda, which is different.

Jana reports on CCLI Copyright license and their covering only some songs and not others. Wants to talk to another company. Will continue.

Jim shows a spreadsheet on building repairs. Have repaired the basement floor with new concrete. Listed more work to be done, especially total kitchen remodeling. Estimated total cost will be around \$40,500.

Jim also had a wish list for A/V on this report. He bought two choir mics and is donating them to the church. Carole noted the need for a third camera for a better angle sometimes. Jim is looking for a better speaker for the choir monitor so they can hear their sound.

Have no response to search for music director, according to Jan.

Amy reported on Emergency Response update. She has asked the contractor for estimates by the end of August. Funding for this grant should open up in October when the new fiscal year starts. That depends on them passing a budget that includes it. That's why it wasn't until March that it got released this last year. Will need to have our own EIN from the state of Texas. Amy will contact them in August.

On Community Outreach Amy reports there is a clothing swap scheduled for August 17, and will be coordinating a get-out-the-vote postcard writing event for the same day here at the church. Will get postcards from MoveOn and Texas UU Justice Ministry. MoveOn cards will target voters who tend to vote Democratic but don't vote every election and are in swing states. They are pre-addressed and pre-stamped.

BREAKING NEWS from Jim: Biden is ending his re-election bid.

We have confirmation on our UU table at the NAACP Banquet/Fundraiser on August 10. Jan read list of people who are buying a seat at the table:

Marilyn
Jana
Amy
Jan
Curtis

Sue
Byron
Byron's wife

No second table, but individual tickets are available through the Alliance. Asking for business card Ad in program. Motion from Amy and seconded by Carole to buy the ad.

Jan resigned the Chamber of Commerce position. Amy reported on brochures and gift bags to Sherman Chamber. All the teachers will get our trifold brochures.

Amy and Jana applied for an IRS EIN for Red River UU. As soon as that number appears we can apply for 501 (c) (3).

Board Reps are:

August - Carole
September - Amy
October - Jana
November - Marilyn

Jana says "A budget is a moral document. I never looked at one that way, especially for a church. We need to look at that we are compensating the musicians and the sermons we are copying from the internet. We need to think about what we are doing for the community, both in terms of labor and money. I just want that to be something that we consider going into next year, and basically every year. It's a different way of thinking about it."

Jim suggest we mention the Fall Congregational Meeting in the August agenda, and send out notices to the committees, and repeat every month.

Next Board meeting is August 18th.

Don is leaving the 9th and will miss two Sundays.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 ~