

RED RIVER UU CHURCH  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 18, 2024

1. Finding there was a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm.
2. Attendance: Jana Norris, Amy Hoffman-Shehan, David Dyer, Carole Harner, Marilyn Alexander, Jim Holmes. Don Rogers was on vacation and was not present.
3. The Minutes of the July Board Meeting were approved as distributed
4. Carole presented the Financial Report. The board discussed the \$50,000 grant that was given by Merrilee Alexander Kick. The grant was earmarked for termite treatment, repairs to the building due to termite damage, a new piano that is Bluetooth capable, an electrical upgrade, and full remodel of the kitchen. Merrilee requested naming rights for the kitchen and approved the name "Marilyn's Mess Hall." Jim reported that around \$20,000 had been spent. Work on the kitchen will begin after August 31. The financial report was accepted as presented.
5. Preparation for Fall Congregational Meeting - Jim stated that the board needs to notify committee leaders of the reports that are due for the meeting and that he would send a guideline to the board.
6. Minister Search Team Report – Jim reported that at there had been a total of 4 potential candidates who were communicated with. Lessons learned included having formalized interview questions and making sure to get real answers to the questions.
7. Advertising/PR Update – Marilyn is looking into the possibility of distribution of the funds from NTUUC to use for advertising and publicity should we suspend the search for a minister. She is working on criteria for advertising.
8. Copyright issues with the songbooks – Jana reported that the UUA will obtain licensing agreements for songs in the hymnals. Once obtained, this should remove most of the issues we face with copyright infringement.
9. Facilities Update: Jim updated the board on the progress on repairs to the basement and exterior of the building. Work on the kitchen will begin September 2. Amy requested fire retardant sheetrock and to be notified when the cabinets are installed to make sure the layout is followed. The cabinet knobs and drawer pulls were not delivered with the cabinets, so Amy is following up with Cabinets to Go.
10. Emergency Preparedness update – Jana had been trying to get the Denison Fire Marshall to do a facility review. Amy had also made contact with the Fire Marshall about the kitchen remodel to approve the replacement of the gas wall oven with the electric range. Jana was cautioned that a facility review could possibly result in code violations and losing our occupancy permit, so she stated she would back off on this effort.
11. Community Outreach & Activities – Amy reported on the children's clothing swap and postcard writing party that were held on August 17. Both were successful events with good attendance.

12. NAACP Banquet/Fundraiser, August 10, 2024 – five Red River UU members attended the banquet. We were joined at our table by the grandmother of one of the scholarship recipients.
13. Board of Trustees Covenant – we did not have a copy of the Covenant readily available, so it will be renewed at the September Board Meeting.
14. Congregational Goals – those were updated at the May Congregational Meeting.
15. Do we continue to want Chambers of Commerce Reports? Jan has resigned from this activity due to health concerns. Amy will include Chamber reports in the outreach reports when appropriate.
16. Membership committee chair – Paula Jennings resigned as chair but not from the committee. She is working on finding a replacement for herself.
17. Appoint new member to the Committee on Ministry to fill Carolyn Cameron’s position. Jim will ask Bruce if he would like to fill it.
18. Reports from other teams if in attendance – no other teams were in attendance, so no reports were received.
19. Discussion of any other items – Marilyn asked about scheduling a kitchen reveal for Merrilee once it is completed and completely set up. The board agreed an event should be created for this.
20. Board Reps
  - August -- Carole
  - September -- Amy
21. Next board meeting (September 15, 2024, 12:40 PM)
22. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm