

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
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Approved Board Minutes

June 15, 2022

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Board members attending: Abby Gitlitz, Steven Gilbert, Rich Slabach, Linda Pickle

Board members absent: Stuart Yoak, Drew Schrader, Jane McLeod

Ministers attending: Revs. Mary Ann Macklin and Emily Manvel-Leite

Present by invitation: Regina DiLavore

Submitted by: Steven Gilbert, Secretary

Attached Documents:

- A. Senior Minister's Report
- B. Minister of Story and Ritual Report

I. Call to Order and Chalice Lighting

Vice-President Abby Gitlitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and lit the candle. A quorum of four out of seven members attended.

II. Check-in

III. Approval of the Minutes

Steven Gilbert moved to approve the May Board meeting minutes. After a second, the motion carried.

IV. Reports

A. Senior Minister Report

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin reported on several problematic incidents, and events for July as written in Attachment A.

B. Report from the Minister for Story and Ritual

Rev. Manvel Leite reported on her activities as summarized in Attachment B.

V. New Business

A. Memorial Bricks

Rich Slabach told the board that the idea of welling memorial bricks for a memorial garden has been discussed by some congregants. He suggested that the Board should agree on a position on such sales (and a garden), or at least discuss the subject soon. Abby Gitlitz suggested Rich have the informal group put together a proposal for the Board to consider.

VI. Old Business

A. Take-Aways from the June Congregational Meeting

- Steven Gilbert suggested the board might want to move up the times on future meetings, given the good turnout for this 2:30 meeting.
- Rich Slabach suggested posting the complete budget beforehand in light of some members' desire to see the whole document. Abby Gitlitz responded by suggesting holding a meeting before the congregational

meeting in which those interested could review the whole budget with someone to guide them and answer questions.

B. Approval of the Congregational Meeting Minutes

Steven Gilbert moved for Board approval of the June Congregational meeting minutes. Following a second, the motion carried

C. Motion to Approve Hiring of Interim Minister

Abby Gitlitz moved to reaffirm the decision of the Board at its special meeting on May 13 to recommend the hiring of Rev. Constance Grant as Interim Minister for 2022-2024. After a second, the motion carried.

VII. Executive Session

The Board entered executive session at 7:58 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

VP Abby Gitlitz adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Senior Minister

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington

June 15, 2022

After many of the festivities and rituals of this past weekend, I feel very honored and celebrated. Thanks to everyone who played a part in any of the farewell activities, which include: Macklin Golf Invitational and Cook-Out, A Stunning Star Trek Bean Bag Toss Set, Worship Services with our Choir and Many Colleagues, Another Cook-Out, A Sweet and Hilarious Reverend Macklin Tribute, Cookies with a Special Theme, AND, of course, our board meeting which ended with the release of my call as Senior Minister, effective June 30th at midnight. Again, gratitude and blessings.

Now, on to the present-day ministry:

**1) This will appear in the Friday Update and next Prologue
*From Reverend Macklin: Checks for UUCB Stolen***

*In mid-May, several checks that were mailed to the church were stolen, then cashed or deposited fraudulently. If you mailed a check to UUCB in May, and have not yet received an email confirming UUCB received it, please contact your bank to see if the check has cleared. If the check was stolen, your bank will need to initiate an investigation. We will soon be renting a PO Box at Woodbridge and will request that pledge checks be sent there and no longer to our Fee Lane address. We have reported this incident to the US Postal Service. We expect that all these funds will be refunded to the check issuers by their banks, and that the church will not suffer any loss due to these thefts **For those with access, we also encourage you to use our online giving page at uucb.churchcenter.com/giving, to make sure your gifts are safely received by the church.***

Let me know if you have any questions.

2) There were some mistakes in payroll, concerning my payments, which we hope to soon remedy. Church Treasurer, Rich Slabach and Church Administrator Carol Marks, along with our Bookkeeper Cathy Martin, have been working on this. I took a step back once I realized I was the only one affected.

3) JULY:

*Reverend Emily will be coordinating the worship services. At present we have speakers for each Sunday. 1) Reverend Bill Breeden 2) Reverend David Pyle 3) Scott Russell Sanders 4) Reverend Jamie Hinson-Rieger from UUI and 4) Reverend Forrest Gilmore. Reverend Emily, of course, will also be engaged in other areas of her work as well.

*Reverend Bill will continue working with Church Administrator Carol Marks regarding building and grounds oversight (along with lay leaders Molly O'Donnell and Dick Stumpner); Reverend Bill will also be available for pastoral emergencies or social justice issues that might arise.

*As mentioned earlier, will be hiring Nancy Olson as a private contractor for the month of July. Nancy is an experienced religious educator, spiritual director, personal and organizational transitions coach as well as a practiced supervisor. She has led several board retreats for our congregation and currently lives in Franklin, IN. She will average 15 hours a week which will include being on site Thursdays in order to run the staff meeting and meet with individual staff and ministers; she will attend Team Tend along with Reverend Emily (if available) and Reverend Bill (if available) to stay aware of pastoral oversight; she will attend two worship service Sundays, the Board Meeting, be available for Zoom and other events or meetings as necessary. She and I will not be in contact during the month of July.

*Other staff will be covering their areas and preparing for the arrival of Interim Minister, Reverend Connie Grant.

*Where does the buck ultimately in July. If there is a major question or area of concern; we believe that would be the new President, Abby Gitlitz.

As for the rest of my time, I will continue my farewell meetings with individuals and groups, keep moving out of my office (saying goodnight), bringing closure to accounts as well as other professional connections with UUCB and continue regular Senior Minister duties, and here are some of the other ministerial happenings for my last couple of weeks.

June 16th

Breakfast with our staff at The Uptown. The staff was given a gift card for a final breakfast together.

June 19th

In the early afternoon, I will be doing a small wedding at the health pavilion at Bell Trace for a gay couple who have been together for 34 years. That evening I will be facilitating a dinner gathering for UUCB Past Presidents at the home of Jackie Hall.

June 25th Splash of the Sacred

This will be the last large event I will attend with folks of UUCB. This annual potluck and swim party at Bryan Park is a time to celebrate the beginning of summer. Due to Covid, we have not had this event for several years. I hope many of you can join the fun.

Memorial June 26th

I will be doing a memorial (outside of church) for a young man who died unexpectedly in May. A Unitarian Universalist Minister was suggested to the deceased wife due to our universalist theology.

June 30th

Nancy Olson will join us for our staff meeting. Then I will host a farewell party for the UUCB staff at our home from 3pm to 5pm. Then...I may go fly a kite.

It has been an honor.

With gratitude and love,

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

ATTACHMENT B

Minister of Story and Ritual
Board Report June 15, 2022
Reverend Emily Manvel Leite

This month,

- I created and offered closure for our Covid Memorial Installation.
- I continued to coordinate the efforts of the MAM Celebration group. We had a successful weekend of celebrating and letting go of Mary Ann's ministry together. As a final event, the group will be offering Splash of the Sacred on June 25th.
- Memorial Day weekend required many different reflections on death and memory, interwoven by the ministry team. I offered a story remembering a person lost to war, held ritual space for reflecting on Covid, and offered poster-making materials for and participated in the walk against gun violence that followed second service.
- My Beloved Conversations anti-racism/anti-oppression workshop wrapped up today, and I am signing up to continue that work in the fall.
- I offered an Annual Report reflecting upon our experiences together learning what it means to be a Minister of Story and Ritual
- I am continuing to offer more pastoral care.
- I am planning our first single summer service this Sunday, when we will take time to rest and play in honor of the Summer Solstice. Thank you to Jane and Linda for your willingness to participate. If others are willing to join us, let me know!
- I am looking ahead to July and coordinating the ministers' welcome, stories, and hosting duties for the ministers and guests who will be preaching next month.