

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
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Board Minutes
March 20, 2024

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Board members attending in person: Mary Craig, Drew Schrader, Regina DiLamore, Bill Lonnerberg, Jane McLeod, Linda Pickle, Abby Gitlitz

Board members attending via Zoom: None

Board members absent: None

Ministers attending via Zoom: Reverend Connie Grant

Guests attending in person: None

Guests attending via Zoom: None

Submitted by: Regina DiLamore, Secretary

Attached Documents:

- A. Lead Minister's Report

I. Call to Order and Chalice Lighting

President Abby Gitlitz called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The chalice was lit, and a quorum was in attendance.

II. Check-in

III. Approval of the Board Minutes

Secretary Regina DiLavore moved to approve the February 2024 Board Meeting minutes. Bill Lonnerberg, Treasurer, seconded the motion and the motion carried.

IV. Reports

A. Interim Lead Minister Report

Highlights from the interim lead minister's report include:

- The final membership number will likely be 400-450.
- The Buildings and Grounds Committee is being reconfigured to the Facilities Team, with Director of Administration as staff lead. Molly O'Donnell is stepping back from leadership.
- The best use of a sizable donation received in memory of Ann Haynes is being explored.

The Lead Minister's Report is provided in Attachment A.

V. New Business

A. Policy Review

Mary Craig, Member at Large, led the review of the draft policy document prepared by the Policy Working Group consisting of Reverend Grant, Mary Craig, Steve Gilbert, and Regina DiLavore. Sections reviewed during the meeting included:

- Board Work Products and Scheduling
- Responsibilities of Board Officers and At Large Members
- Board Committees
- Electronic Communication for Board Meetings

The Board will review the remaining sections independently and provide comments to the Policy Working Group.

B. General Assembly (GA) Delegates

UUCB has received two applicants to be delegates at GA, Mary Craig, Member at Large, and Hans Kelson, Technology Coordinator. Invitations to apply to represent the church at the GA have been in the Perspectives and Friday Updates. Abby Gitlitz, President, will inform Hans Kelson to move forward to organize activities that will allow for broader participation such as watching the public sessions of GA together.

C. Review and Update Board Position Descriptions

The Board discussed waiting until the Policy is finalized before updating the Board Position Descriptions.

D. Pledge Drive

UUCB has received 95 pledges, which is approximately 1/3 of the Congregation for a total of \$246,515.

Jane McLeod, Vice President will send an email to members later in the week to remind them to pledge.

VI. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

VII. Housekeeping

Housekeeping was not discussed.

VIII. Parking Lot

NA

IX. Executive Session

The Board entered executive session at 8:51 pm.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:11 p.m.

Attachment A

Date: March 20, 2024
To: Board of Directors
From: Rev. Connie Grant, Interim Lead Minister
Subject: Monthly Report – March, 2024

Membership

- Membership roll review is being completed this week. Final membership number will probably be between 400-450.
- Nine people are currently participating in Exploring UUCB. Joining ceremony will take place on March 31.

Facilities

- Buildings and Grounds Committee is being reconfigured to Facilities Team, with Director of Administration as staff lead. Molly O'Donnell is stepping back from leadership.
- Best use of donation received in memory of a deceased member is being explored. Storage shed is likely possibility.

Mental Health Grant Initiative

- UUCB is one of 30 congregations accepted by the Center for Congregations Mental Health Grant Initiative, and will now be eligible to formulate a proposal for a grant of up to \$40,000 as part of this program. Stephanie Kimball is working with volunteers to organize this project.

Interim Ministry Appraisal

- A final Interim Ministry Appraisal is due to the UUA. The form is here [www.uua.org › files › doc › interim_ministry_appraisal](http://www.uua.org/files/doc/interim_ministry_appraisal). We need to complete this by end of June.