

**Decorah UU**  
**Minutes**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**Randd Properties Building**  
**Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Bill Pardee.

**Board Members Present** – Bill Pardee, Anastacia Cowles, Beth Wahlberg, Carolyn Corbin, Matthew Alexander.

**Others Present** – Decorah UU Fellowship Coordinator Otter Dreaming.

**Chalice Lighting and Reaffirmation of the Board Covenant**

**Additions to the Agenda** – Anastacia requested follow-up on last month's Review of Insurance Policy regarding OWL locations and Workers' Comp, as an Old Business item. Bill had not heard anything more regarding either topic, so this item was not addressed further.

**Comments from Decorah UU Members and Friends** – There were no comments.

**Reports**

**Approval of Previous Month's Board Meeting Minutes** – Carolyn moved and Matthew seconded that October's Board Meeting Minutes be approved as received via email. Anastacia noted that the next month's meeting date needed to be corrected from November 6 to November 13. The motion carried, with the noted correction.

**Treasurer's Report (Addendum A)** – Anastacia moved and Carolyn seconded that the Treasurer's October Report be approved as received via email. Beth pointed out that we're on track with our projected budget. Bruce asked Beth to let the Board know that insurance coverage at the Lingonberry is \$24/month more than at Bethania. The motion carried.

**Old Business**

- a. **Lingonberry status** – Ellen reports that there will soon be a railing on the stairs down to the childcare room; that there will be a sound system mounted on the ceiling by this Sunday; and that the ceiling in the childcare room will be finished soon. Several Decorah UU items from Bethania are stored in Carolyn's garage for further review.
- b. **Decal status** – Matthew has sent an image to Erik Berg, who will design the final decal for the window of the Lingonberry.
- c. **Website enhancement status** – Julie Ohde, Detra Dettmann's friend, has offered to take over maintenance of the website. Julie will be joining the Fellowship this Sunday.

**New Business**

- a. **Review OWL** – Beth went to a meeting with Alicia and other OWL leaders who are already trained. Beth will be the UU liaison and will help with administrative tasks. Four class levels are available: K-1, 5-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Level 7-9 (the largest scale curriculum) will be offered every other year. Neil and Lara have been teaching together, but won't from now on. The program will try to offer the other three levels (smaller scale curricula) every year. They are aiming for classes in January, February and March.

- b. **Membership Review reminder** – Detra, Beth and Otter will look over our membership list before congregational certification on February 1.
- c. **Strengthen Membership Committee** – The Board will ask Detra what she thinks about having others on the committee to work with her. There will be new nametags this Sunday.
- d. **UUA Financial Assistance for Lay-Led Congregations** – This financial assistance could be used to help send someone to the Leadership School at Luther or to General Assembly, as examples. Board members discussed other possibilities, including: putting the application on our website and letting anyone propose a project; obtaining funding for Outreach (signage, radio, google ads). Beth and Carolyn will familiarize themselves further with the application.
- e. **Decorah UU Evenings at Lingonberry**
  - i) What process do we want? Who decides? Who contacts? Carolyn's suggestion for determining UU activities (which could be done in conjunction with the grant from above) is an online form that allows people to propose events. We'll wait until January to present the idea to the Fellowship. Beth suggested a Repair Café, to which people could bring items needing mending or with which they need assistance: a toaster, a sewing project, an iPad, etc.
  - ii) What kinds of events are plausible? Karen Esterl suggested the following:
    - a) game night
    - b) coffeehouse (i.e., folks can sing, dance, read poetry, do stand-up comedy, or perform in other ways in a relaxed environment)
    - c) book discussion
    - d) Dances of Universal Peace
    - e) potluck
    - f) group meditation
    - g) religious education for youth and/or adults (there are dozens of free curricula we could work through via Tapestry)

### **Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Adjournment** – Matthew moved and Annastacia seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

**The Next Board Meeting** – The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Randd Properties building.

Respectfully submitted by  
Otter Dreaming, Decorah UU Fellowship Coordinator

### **Addendum A**

#### **NEIUUF/Decorah UU Financial Summary for October 2018**

Balance as of: October 31, 2018

Certificates of Deposit	\$50,282.50
Operating Funds	\$28,993.15
Owl Account	\$900.21
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$80,175.86</b>

#### **GENERAL FUND**

##### **REVENUES**

10/7/18	Sunday Collection	\$89.00
	Pledges	\$50.00

	Non-Pledged Revenue	\$14.00	
	Share-the-Plate (Pantry)	\$25.00	
10/14/18	Sunday Collection		
	Pledges \$445.00	\$591.00	
	Non-Pledged Revenue	\$16.00	
	Share-the-Plate	\$130.00	
10/21/18	Sunday Collection		
	Pledges	\$155.00	\$165.00
	Non-Pledged Revenue	\$20.00	
10/28/18	Sunday Collection		
	Pledges	\$1785.00	\$1,834.25
	Non-Pledged Revenue	\$49.25	
10/18/18	Accrued Earnings (Viking Bank)		\$5.16
10/10/18	October ACH (auto donations)		\$1,012.50
	Total October Revenues		\$3,696.91

#### EXPENDITURES

Steve McCargar	Childcare	\$105.00	
Otter Dreaming	Music	\$180.00	
Lingonberry Event Center	Rent	\$400.00	
Otter Dreaming, Fellowship Coordinator		\$734.01	
Decorah Community Food Pantry		\$367.00	
Decorah Senior Center, October 28th		\$40.00	
Java Johns	Coffee (\$ on account)	\$100.00	
Oneota Co-op Snacks etc. (\$ on account)		\$100.00	
U.S. Postal Service, Annual P.O. Box Rental		\$54.00	
Church Mutual	Insurance adjustment (change to Lingonberry)		\$24.00
U.S. Department of the Treasury	3rd Quarter Federal Withholding		\$487.67
Iowa Department of Revenue	3rd Quarter State of Iowa Withholding		\$45.00
	Total October Expenditures	\$2,636.68	
	Net Income This Month	\$1,060.23	

#### OWL FUND

Balance as of: September 30, 2018 \$1,263.21

REVENUES -- --

EXPENDITURES Reimbursement for OWL Training (2) \$363.00  
Balance October 31, 2018 \$900.21