

Decorah UU
Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Randd Properties Building
Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Call to Order – The informal meeting began at 7:09 p.m.

Board Members Present – Beth Wahlberg, Maggie Hayden, Bill Pardee.

Board Members Absent – Matthew Alexander, Carolyn Corbin.

Others Present – Decorah UU Fellowship Coordinator Otter Dreaming.

Chalice Lighting and Reaffirmation of the Board Covenant

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

Reports

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes – Maggie moved and Beth seconded that the February Board Meeting Minutes be approved as received via email. The motion carried.

Acknowledgement of Treasurer’s February Report (Addendum A) – Bill moved and Maggie seconded that the Treasurer’s February Financial Summary be acknowledged. The motion carried. Beth noted that Decorah UU is averaging 1-3 honoraria a month. Beth will get together with Carl Peterson soon to look over Decorah UU’s finances. The anticipated UUA 2021 “ask” for Decorah UU members (total, non-mandatory annual dues for National and District participation) will be about \$350 less than previous years.

Board members discussed the covenant renewal form that Beth created last year. She will revise it with current dates and other information for this year, using the same effective format. Forms need to be returned by the end of March at the latest. The Annual Meeting is May 3rd. Board members agreed that committee reports would be due about the same time that covenant renewal forms are due. Maggie will contact Detra Dettmann (Membership) and Karen Esterl/Sue Otte (Sunday Services Committee) about having reports to the Board by April 1st.

Beth noted that Decorah UU has a lot of cash on hand that isn’t making much interest: about \$30,000. She suggested that some of the cash go into something safer, like bond funds. She will invite Carl Peterson’s input.

Other Business

Board members looked over and briefly discussed the report and Annual Meeting prep that Bill had distributed earlier via email:

1. Report from Nominations Committee
 - a. For the Board:
 - i. Matthew Alexander
 - ii. Lynn Pleggenkuhle
 - iii. Julie Ohde
 - b. For the nominations committee
 - i. Janet Snider
 - ii. (Lalie Madriguera continuing)
2. Prep for covenant renewal and annual meeting
 - a. Report from membership committee Detra
 - b. Report from Sunday Services Committee Karen & Sue

- c. Report from Board Chair Matthew
- d. Agenda Matthew
- e. Minutes from last annual meeting Otter
- f. OWL report Lara
- g. Budget Beth
- h. Financial report (estimated to year end) Beth

Otter suggested that the Board consider discussing and planning ahead for the eventual presence of COVID-19 in the community. Beth will informally contact Winneshiek County Public Health to check on their preparedness and their methods of community notification, cuing them that we will be looking to them for important information. Board members agreed to consider the topic and discuss it further at the next Board meeting.

Two other topics were briefly addressed in emails (attached, **Addendum B & Addendum C**): lease negotiations with the Lingonberry; and a speaker to tell the Fellowship about the March-April plate recipient, NAMI NE Iowa.

Maggie moved and Beth seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by
Otter Dreaming, Decorah UU Fellowship Coordinator

Addendum A

NEIUUF/Decorah UU Assets as of: February 29, 2020

Certificates of Deposit	\$50,790.40
General Fund	\$30,327.63
Owl Account	\$866.01
TOTAL EQUITY	\$81,984.04

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES

2/3/20 Sunday Collection - 2/2/20	\$132.00
Pledges	\$115.00
Non-Pledged Revenue	\$12.00
Share-the-Plate (LIHEAP)	\$5.00
2/20/20 Sunday Collection - 2/16/20 + mailed pledge + rebate + memorial	\$203.00
Pledges	\$125.00
Non-Pledged Revenue	\$7.00
Share-the-Plate (LIHEAP)	\$10.00
Church Mutual - insurance rebate	\$11.00
in memorium	\$50.00
2/24/20 Sunday Collection - 2/23/20	\$107.00
Pledges	\$105.00
Non-Pledged Revenue	\$2.00
Share-the-Plate (LIHEAP)	\$0.00

2/18/20 Accrued Earnings (Viking Bank)	\$4.41
2/18/20 February ACH (auto donations)	\$812.50
TOTAL FEBRUARY REVENUES	\$1,258.91
EXPENDITURES	
Otter Dreaming, Music	\$135.00
Steve McCargar, Childcare	\$140.00
Lingonberry Event Center, Rent	\$400.00
Otter Dreaming, Fellowship Coordinator salary	\$769.11
Lori Erickson, honorarium - February 2nd	\$75.00
Rowan Collins, honorarium - February 16th	\$50.00
TOTAL FEBRUARY EXPENDITURES	\$1,569.11
Net Income This Month	-\$310.20
OWL FUND	
Beginning balance: February 1, 2020	\$866.01
REVENUES none	\$0.00
EXPENDITURES none	\$0.00
BALANCE FEBRUARY 29, 2020	\$866.01

Addendum B

Hi all!

In thinking about it a little more, I'm wondering if we want to postpone to next Tuesday night? Also, in reply to your question about Lingonberry negotiations, Bill. I had a phone conversation with Shirley Vermace after our last meeting to relay our preference for not being bumped 2 Sundays in a row next winter. We talked a bit about the need for a new lease with Lingonberry beginning in the fall. I did mention that we would like a provision in our new lease that we not be bumped more than once per quarter, rather than 4x per year as it is now. We left it that The Lingonberry would get us a draft lease and we would go from there. As far as I know, nothing more has happened since.

So...tonight or delay a week?

Beth (March 3, 2020)

Addendum C

Ok. With the three of you & Otter that sounds good.

Thank you to all of you.

Bill, I was to write a written version of what Beth said to Shirley & didn't get it done.

I did email with Alicia Trout & she will come speak about NAMI but we haven't got a specific date.

Can't remember what we decided or did with the Chalice Lighters application.

Peace

Matthew (March 3, 2020)