

Decorah UU
Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Online via Zoom
Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Call to Order – The meeting began informally at 7:13 p.m. via Zoom.

Board Members Present – Matthew Alexander, Carolyn Corbin, Beth Wahlberg, Maggie Hayden, Bill Pardee.

Others Present – Decorah UU Fellowship Coordinator Otter Dreaming.

Chalice Lighting and Reaffirmation of the Board Covenant

Additions to the Agenda – Beth asked that the UUA’s Annual Program Fund request be added to New Business.

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

Reports

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes – Matthew moved and Bill seconded that the April Board Meeting Minutes be approved as received via email. The motion carried.

Acknowledgement of Treasurer’s April & May Reports (Addenda A & B) – Board members discussed aspects of the Treasurer’s reports, including: a slight drop off in automated withdrawals; a single donor’s change from a monthly to yearly schedule that affects the look of each month’s revenue; few contributions through PayPal; losses in April, aside from the money spent on PPE; the lack of “pass the plate” donations. May’s finances look better than April’s, due, in part, to a rent reduction of \$200 and an extra \$300 donation. There have been few donations to Share-the-Plate. Bill moved and Carolyn seconded that the Treasurer’s April and May Financial Summaries be acknowledged. The motion carried.

Old Business

- a. **Clarify the decision on Sunday services for this summer (and possibly beyond)** – Otter confirmed that the discussion at the Annual Meeting ended with a motion, which was seconded and carried, to hold Decorah UU services every other Sunday, June through August, with a check-in at the end of July to see how it’s going. Circles can pick up some of the slack on “off” Sundays. And people can connect with the Church of the Larger Fellowship. Otter will share the CLF contact information in the weekly email, and will let Karen Esterl know that the Board discussed and confirmed the summer schedule.
- b. **Touch on OWL meeting plans (remote/zoom or socially distanced)** – Lara Martinsen-Burrell talked with Matthew about the two meeting possibilities. Meeting remotely is the only option at this time.
- c. **Lingonberry rent** – Ellen Rockne will no longer charge us rent during the pandemic. Matthew will send a thank-you note to her on behalf of the Board.

New Business

- a. **Can we use our UU Zoom for get out the vote with the Democrats?** – Carolyn asked and answered: No.

- b. **Matching donor for Food Pantry** – Beth will send Otter information to share with the Fellowship about a matching donor offer for the Food Pantry during the month of June.
- c. **July-August Share-the-Plate** – Board members discussed possibilities for a recipient. The Antiracism Group is not a 501(c)3; the Peace & Justice Center is their fiscal agent. Carolyn noted that if the Peace & Justice Center received money designated for a portable sound system, the Antiracism Group and other groups could use it. Bill moved and Matthew seconded that the NE Iowa Peace & Justice Center be the July-August Share-the-Plate recipient and that money raised be earmarked for a portable sound system. The motion carried.
- d. **Annual Program Fund for UUA** – The UUA has requested \$3204 for its Annual Program Fund. We don't have to pay the whole amount, but we always have. Carolyn moved and Maggie seconded that Decorah UU pay the full amount requested. The motion carried.

The Board continued with informal conversation: Beth will open Zoom meetings for the Board starting in July, as Carolyn has done up until now. Before the July meeting, Matthew Alexander, Lynn Pleggekuhle and Julie Ohde can discuss and decide who will take the two-year term.

Matthew moved and Maggie seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

The Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting is July 7.

Respectfully submitted by
Otter Dreaming, Decorah UU Fellowship Coordinator

Addendum A

NEIUUF/Decorah UU Financial Summary for April 2020

NEIUUF/Decorah UU Assets as of:	April 30, 2020
Certificates of Deposit	\$50,868.82
General Fund	\$29,986.23
Owl Account	\$1,416.01
TOTAL EQUITY	\$82,271.06

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES

4/6/20

Mailed pledges	\$305.00
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4/8/20

Mailed pledges & donations	\$375.00
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Pledges	\$190.00
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Non-Pledged Revenue	\$140.00
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Share-the-Plate (NAMI)	\$45.00
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4/14/20	
Mailed pledges & donations	\$634.60
Pledges	\$370.00
Etsy Sales Revenue	\$264.60
4/17/20	
PPE fabric/elastic grant - The Depot Outlet	\$2,000.00
4/23/20	
Mailed pledges	\$125.00
4/30/20	
PayPal donations	\$214.23
Pledges	\$122.22
Non-Pledged Revenue	\$67.86
Share-the-Plate (NAMI)	\$24.15
4/20/20	
Accrued Earnings (Viking Bank)	\$1.52
4/20/20	
April ACH (auto donations)	\$812.50
4/29/20	
Rowan Collins honorarium donated	\$50.00
TOTAL APRIL REVENUES	\$4,517.85

EXPENDITURES

Lingonberry Event Center Rent	\$200.00
Otter Dreaming Fellowship Coordinator salary	\$769.11
Carolyn Corbin MidAmerica Region conference	\$50.00
Patsy Martinson PPE fabric/elastic	\$65.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa 1st quarter withholding	\$57.00
Red-Roxy Quilt Co. PPE fabric/elastic	\$2,000.00
U.S. Treasury 1st quarter withholding	\$507.11
Zoom Video Communications monthly Zoom fees	\$16.04
Rowan Collins honorarium - April 19th	\$50.00
TOTAL APRIL EXPENDITURES	\$3,714.26
Net Income This Month	\$803.59

OWL FUND

Beginning balance: April 1, 2020	\$1,416.01
REVENUES none	\$0.00
EXPENDITURES none	\$0.00

BALANCE APRIL 30, 2020	\$1,416.01
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Addendum B

NEIUUF/Decorah UU Financial Summary for May 2020

NEIUUF/Decorah UU Assets as of:	May 31, 2020
Certificates of Deposit	\$50,868.82
General Fund	\$29,982.19
Owl Account	\$1,416.01
TOTAL EQUITY	\$82,267.02

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES

5/6/20

Mailed pledges	\$625.00
Pledges	\$125.00
PPE fabric/elastic donation - Story People	\$500.00

5/8/20

Pledge by bank	\$50.00
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5/21/20

Mailed pledges & donations	\$325.00
Pledges	\$305.00
Non-Pledged Revenue	\$20.00

5/18/20

Accrued Earnings (Viking Bank)	\$1.19
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5/15/20

May ACH (auto donations)	\$932.50
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5/5/20

Kelly Sharp honorarium donated	\$50.00
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TOTAL MAY REVENUES	\$1,983.69
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EXPENDITURES

Lingonberry Event Center Rent	\$200.00
Otter Dreaming Fellowship Coordinator salary	\$769.11
NAMI - NE Iowa Share-the-Plate (March/April 2020)	\$154.15
Laura Wright honorarium - May 17th	\$50.00
Otter Dreaming PPE fabric/elastic	\$364.47
Shirley Vermace PPE fabric/elastic	\$500.00

TOTAL MAY EXPENDITURES	\$2,037.73
Net Income This Month	-\$54.04

OWL FUND

Beginning balance: May 1, 2020	\$1,416.01
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REVENUES none	\$0.00
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EXPENDITURES none	\$0.00
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BALANCE MAY 31, 2020	\$1,416.01
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