

Decorah UU
Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Online via Zoom
Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Call to Order – The meeting began informally at 7:02 p.m. via Zoom.

Board Members Present – Matthew Alexander (Decorah UU Board Chair), Beth Wahlberg (Treasurer), Maggie Hayden, Lynn Pleggenkuhle, Julie Ohde.

Others Present – Decorah UU Fellowship Coordinator Otter Dreaming.

Chalice Lighting and Reaffirmation of the Board Covenant

Additions to the Agenda – Beth requested feedback on how to respond to Memorial donations.

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

Reports

Approval of the Previous Month's Board Meeting Minutes – Lynn moved and Beth seconded that the December Board Meeting Minutes be approved as received via email. The motion carried.

Acknowledgement of Treasurer's December 2020 (Addendum A) & January 2021 (Addendum B)

Financial Summaries – Maggie moved and Julie seconded that the Treasurer's Report be acknowledged. Beth explained to Board members how separating the PayPal account from the General Fund makes it easier to pay and account for certain bills, e.g., Zoom payments are deducted from the PayPal account. Funds in PayPal have simply accrued there from donations/pledges/etc. made via the online processing option. In the big picture, the PayPal account is part of the General Fund. The motion carried.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

- a. **Share the Plate for March-April** – Board members discussed two potential options for the March-April Share the Plate recipient: Horse & Soul Ranch, and ArtHaus. Since we recently donated to another riding program, the Board chose to “buy a brick” for the development of ArtHaus’ backyard garden featuring plants used for dyes. Otter will research to see if Horse & Soul Ranch is still in business; if it is, we’ll consider it for another time. Maggie moved and Matthew seconded that ArtHaus be the March-April Share the Plate recipient. The motion carried.
- b. **Donation to IUUWAN in lieu of honorarium** – Board members discussed a \$50 donation to IUUWAN for their January 17 service presentation *Climate Drawdown*. Lynn so moved and Julie seconded. The motion carried.
- c. **Proposed change to investment of funds earmarked for future building** – Beth described Decorah UU’s Certificates of Deposit: there is over \$50,000 in five different CDs. Since we won’t need building funds any time soon, Beth suggested that we put some of that money into a bond or income fund that is not high-risk but where it could earn more money. Some funds will come available for consideration starting April 20th. Board members briefly discussed socially responsible investments. Beth will talk with Carl Peterson about possibilities.
- d. **Responding to memorial donations** – Paul Corbin sent a donation to Decorah UU in memory of Sarah Corbin. Beth will send a thank you note. Many of his chalices have been purchased on Etsy. Beth noted that

Carolyn Corbin recently sent over \$750 to Decorah UU from her Etsy site, which donates 10% of chalice sales and 100% of button sales.

Board members agreed to finish Decorah UU's Certification process before adjourning, responding to sections about a Draft Statement of Conscience, Congregational Diversity, and a UUA Survey.

Adjournment – Beth moved and Maggie seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Extinguishing the Chalice

Respectfully submitted by
Otter Dreaming, Decorah UU Fellowship Coordinator

Addendum A

NEIUUF/Decorah UU Financial Summary for December 2020

NEIUUF/Decorah UU Assets as of:

	December 31, 2020
Certificates of Deposit	\$51,016.45
General Fund	\$36,143.14
Owl Account	\$1,416.01
TOTAL EQUITY	\$88,575.60

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES

12/3/20	NEICAC holiday gift program donations	\$400.00
12/8/20	Pledge by bank	\$50.00
12/11/20	By mail	\$564.00
	Pledges	\$55.00
	NEICAC holiday gift program donations	\$300.00
	Auction proceeds	\$209.00
12/17/20	Interest on checking	\$1.40
12/18/20	By mail	\$1,991.50
	Pledges	\$150.00
	Non-pledged revenue	\$200.00
	Auction proceeds	\$1,641.50
12/31/20	By mail	\$732.00
	Auction proceeds	\$182.00
	NEICAC holiday gift program	\$50.00
	Memorial - in memory of Sara Corbin	\$500.00
12/16/20	December ACH (auto donations)	\$917.50
12/1/20-12/10/20		
	Auction proceeds by PayPal	\$291.00
TOTAL DECEMBER REVENUES		\$4,947.40

EXPENDITURES

Otter Dreaming, Fellowship Coordinator salary	\$810.17
Zoom, monthly fee – December	\$16.04
Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce, CAC Holiday gift family	\$1,105.00
PayPal, PayPal fees (2.2% + \$0.30/transaction)	\$8.20
TOTAL DECEMBER EXPENDITURES	\$1,939.41
Net Income This Month	\$3,007.99

OWL FUND

Beginning balance: December 1, 2020	\$1,416.01
REVENUES, none	\$0.00
EXPENDITURES, none	\$0.00
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2020	\$1,416.01

Addendum B

NEIUUF/Decorah UU Financial Summary for January 2021

NEIUUF/Decorah UU Assets as of:

	January 31, 2021
Certificates of Deposit	\$51,024.65
General Fund	\$36,495.17
PayPal Account	\$1,002.81
Owl Account	\$1,416.01
TOTAL EQUITY	\$89,938.64

GENERAL FUND**REVENUES**

1/8/21	By mail	\$585.00
	Pledges	\$456.00
	Auction proceeds	\$129.00
1/19/21	By mail	\$1,094.00
	Pledges	\$675.00
	Auction proceeds	\$419.00
1/19/21	Interest	\$1.63
1/22/21	By mail	\$818.30
	Non-Pledged Revenue	\$50.00
	Paul/Carolyn Corbin - Etsy proceeds	\$768.30
1/30/21	By mail	\$340.00
	Pledges	\$75.00
	Auction proceeds	\$155.00
	Non-Pledged Revenue	\$45.00
	Share-the-Plate	\$50.00
	Insurance rebate	\$15.00
1/16/21	January ACH (auto donations)	\$867.50
1/31/21	Pledges via PayPal	\$25.00
TOTAL JANUARY REVENUES		\$3,731.43

EXPENDITURES

Otter Dreaming, Fellowship Coordinator salary	\$810.17
Zoom, monthly fee - January 2021	\$16.04
State of Iowa, 4th qtr withholding	\$57.00
U.S. Treasury, 4th qtr withholding	\$527.49
NEICAC, Auction Proceeds - Weather Assistance Program	\$750.00
NEICAC, Auction Proceeds – LIHEAP	\$750.00
Friends of the Decorah Public Library	
Share-the-Plate November/December 2020	\$100.00
Madison McClendon, Honorarium - January 31 st	\$50.00
PayPal, PayPal fees (2.2% + \$0.30/transaction)	\$0.85
TOTAL JANUARY EXPENDITURES	\$3,061.55
Net Income This Month	\$669.88

OWL FUND

Beginning balance: January 1, 2021

\$1,416.01

REVENUES, none

\$0.00

EXPENDITURES, none

\$0.00

BALANCE JANUARY 31, 2020

\$1,416.01