

MINUTES

Present: DeeAnne McClenahan, Debi Grande, Pam Swan, Kevin Guhman, Linda Stenholm, Fred Wooden (ex-Officio)

Not Present: Libby Bean & Mary Wolf-Francis

Called to Order at 4:40p

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by LS, 2nd by KG, 5/0 approved

Mindful Opening by Rev. Wooden – Everything meaningful we do (ie. Weeding the garden) has the potential to be both satisfying and frustrating.

Who to Thank: The Highway Clean-Up Team coordinated by Pam Swan, was larger than usual this last month and the mission was accomplished much faster than usual. Thanks will be sent to Mikaela Young, Mark and Tessa Foote, Grace Wolf-Schwaiger, Ann Sebren, Janet Campbell, Dick and Kat Karpinen, Debra and Ralph Dyrsten, and Linda Stenholm.

Thanks are also due to Mark Foote for his work on the wonderfully new and improved VUU website. Thanks are also due to Marci Beaudoin for all of her great work as the Faith Formation Director and for the wonderful coordination of the Coming of Age program and coordination. Hayley will be taking a leave of absence. She will be greatly missed. DM also offered thanks to the BoT for their work and commitment during this exceptionally unusual year.

Consent Agenda: April Meeting Minutes (a few changes to be made) and the April Minister's Report were approved as follows: Moved by DG, 2nd PS, 4 approved/1 abstained.

Review Ends Statements / Board Goals: 1. We're doing a good job of Transforming VUU into a virtual and physical presence. 2. We are making some headway in I-Help schedule changes for monthly residence at VUU. The BoT will continue to need to delineate our relationship with AZcend and I-Help. Also, the status of the Appreciative Inquiry will broaden and our congregational goals may need to change to be more reflective of the upcoming future with a new settled Minister. Our Interim Minister will be less directive and more assistive. More information

about this will be provided by FW after the Survey results have been processed. He will also send us the Word Cloud sermon.

Capital Campaign Discussion (including the Special Funds Discussion): Joel Sannes, Chair of the Special Funds Committee (SF) joined us for the Special Funds portion of this discussion.

Charlotte Ward's legacy gift to VUU - post her 2008 gift - was that of property. In 2008, her legacy gift went to help paying down the mortgage in a year when the economy was very bad and VUU was 'struggling' financially. Per the Charter, financial gifts must be sent to the Endowment Fund unless otherwise specified. Ms. Ward's gift brings the Endowment Fund close to \$1M.

The maximum amount of money the Special Fund can grant is 4% of the total. It can also lend VUU emergency funds at no interest but such loans are discouraged "good fiscal policy", especially due to the strong return on interest the Fund receives at this time.

The Congregation may want to change the Charitable Remainder Trust. It was last amended in 2018, but we were reminded that "unhealthy expectations can come from using these funds too readily." The legacy of this fund "preserves a legacy for future operations".

Might we want to ask the Special Funds Committee to make a partial donation to the Capital Campaign (CC) for major expenses like the new roof and AC units and a more high-tech sound booth? The CC and the Board and the SP need to have agreement on this before the congregation can vote on it. For the Annual Meeting on 6/6/21, the congregation needs to know that we're still in the process of clarifying much of this.

The CC will start renewed conversations with Wendall Burnett, Architect, next month.

Covid/Re-entry Discussion: This topic will be on the agenda for the Annual Meeting. Many of us have received questions about why VUU is not opening up before September. FW explained that the issue is not about the CDC's recommendations, per se, but about the available infrastructure at VUU. We wouldn't want to meet outdoors before the cooler Fall.

IHelp/AZcend goals: Discussion about making I-Help our 'designated charity' – the Board realized it was too soon before the June annual meeting to propose to the congregation – we should defer, continue to discuss, and bring the idea to the congregation ahead of the January or June voting meetings, if the new board would like to pursue.

Planning the Annual Meeting: DM will send out an email the day after this meeting (5/28) with all pertinent links for the Annual Meeting (less the Annual Report, for which an email will be provided in the near future).

PS will be the Moderator for the meeting.

Katie Siefert and Blake Hyman are looking for way to open the sanctuary for this meeting as well as to allow people to attend on Zoom. They're also seeking volunteers to help work on the Tech team, including people that are not necessarily Techies, per se.

Policy Committee Discussion: The Policy Committee (PC) per the request of the Board provided proposals for updating Sections V.04 (Quorum) and V.08 (Voting Details) of the VUU By-Laws.

An addition to the Quorum section was proposed as follows: “A member shall be considered “present” for purposes of establishing a quorum if either: a) they are physically present at the annual or special meeting; or b) they are ascertained by the President of the Board of Trustees, or their designee, to be attending the meeting by virtual means”

Discussion pertained to whether or part b) as above, shouldn't be determined by the Leadership Development Committee Chair or other designee, as opposed to the President of the Board.

The proposed changes to Voting Details section included the following in the first paragraph 2nd sentence and continuing: “[Voting] on matters considered at the meeting [may be done by] voice, electronic ballot, and/or written paper ballot [at the discretion of the presiding officer.] Electronic and paper ballots (hereinafter collectively 'ballots') shall be regarded as exact equivalents, with no preference given between them. [However, all elections must be] decided [by secret ballot.] To ensure the sanctity of one person-one vote) [, each member] voting in person

shall be required to digitally certify that they have voted only a single time. [All elections shall be decided by a plurality vote, except as otherwise specified by these By-Laws or provided by the laws of the state of Arizona.]

In the second paragraph, 2nd sentence: “The LDC shall further be responsible for determining submission deadlines, procedures for maintaining ballot secrecy, procedures for ensuring that members may not cast multiple electronic ballots, and requirements for submission pertaining to any electronic ballots.”

In the third paragraph, 2nd sentence: “Absentee voting will utilize paper ballots checked against the membership list using the ‘two envelope’ method to ensure that ballots shall not become identifiable.”

The Board voted 7/0 to vote on this at the next Board meeting.

New Business:

- o 2 new Finance Committee members need to be appointed. Anne Schneider and Linda Horton agreed to fill those positions. DM moved and PS seconded a motion to appoint them. The vote was 5/0 .
- o LS and DM will work on an Orientation Presentation for the new Board members.

DG moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm. The voted 5/0 to approve.

Submitted by Linda Stenholm