

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Approved Board Minutes

February 17, 2021



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Board members attending: Stuart Yoak, Abby Gitlitz, Steven Gilbert, Rich Slabach, Julie Lawson, Jane McLeod, Drew Schrader

Board members absent: none

Ministers attending: Reverends Mary Ann Macklin and Dave Clements

Present by invitation: Susan Swaney

Submitted by: Steven Gilbert, Secretary

Attached Documents:

- A. Senior Minister's Report

I. Call to Order

President Stuart Yoak called the meeting to order online at 7:05 p.m.

II. Chalice Lighting

Julie Lawson lit a candle and Rich Slabach provided the reading.

III. Check-in (All)

IV. Approval of the Minutes

President Yoak moved for approval of the January Board meeting minutes. Julie Lawson seconded. The motion was approved.

V. Ministers' Reports

A. Senior Minister's Report

Rev. Macklin provided her report to the Board, shown in Attachment A.

B. Interim Minister's Report

Rev. Clements provided a monthly report of his activities and goals.

VI. Monitoring (Per Board Policies)

A. Report from the Music Director

Susan Swaney provided a report on the current and future activities of the music program.

VII. Old Business

A. Report on Revision of Board Ends Statements

Ad hoc committee members Steven Gilbert, Jane McLeod and Drew Schrader presented the Board with a draft of revised Ends Statements. With a small change in wording suggested by Rev. Macklin, Rev. Clements will now distribute the draft to UUCB task force leaders for review and feedback to the committee with the goal of the Board approving the final version in March.

B. Motion on President’s December Report

Secretary Gilbert moved to retroactively amend the previously approved December 2020 Congregational Meeting Minutes to include the undelivered President’s report as an item of information. Drew Schrader seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business

A. Motion to Affirm Appointment

Secretary Gilbert Moved to affirm the appointment of Rev. Dave Clements as Interim Consulting Minister for FY 2022 based upon the results of an email vote by the Board completed between meetings on January 30, 2021. Drew Schrader seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Housekeeping

The board reviewed upcoming chalice lighting and readings assignments. Steven Gilbert will be responsible for March, while Julie Lawson will cover April. Board members should review needs for upcoming Sunday Service Announcements.

X. Executive Session

The board entered executive session at 8:13 p.m.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

**Reverend Mary Ann Macklin
Senior Minister Report
Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington
Bloomington, Indiana**

Mortgage Payment Success

As you all know our Balloon Payment fundraiser proved to be a lifting experience, with many balloons literally floating to the ceiling of the church and later being used as choir member substitutes. (Someday someone may be perusing these notes decades from now and wondering about that sentence but I will leave it there to honor the mystery of ministry.)

Anyway, thanks to folks who were involved in the creation of this fundraiser.

In terms of the payment, the payoff information is for loan number 20005510022. At the loan maturity date of March 2, 2021, the payoff amount will be \$27,533.70. In terms of the current count for money raised for the fundraiser, we are at \$47,491.11 Stunning. I will wait until Friday to have a final count for the Balloon Payment Mortgage fundraiser. At that time we will figure out the percentages that will go to New Leaf, New Life and Spencer Pride as well as Operational Reserve. I do have approximate numbers on donation percentage totals. At that point we can announce those totals on Sunday. Part of the delay has been checks coming in via snail mail which has a Covid induced circuitous route at present.

We hope to have a photo of when the check is handed over to the bank which will involve some more celebration. And, someday, when we all gather again, we will have a Balloon Worship Service and celebrate together everyone, included all the ancestors of this church, who made this possible.

Of note, we will need help with thank you notes and hope the Board can be a part of that effort.

Covid Protocol Team

We have a team that is exploring Covid Protocol in terms of our congregation and issues which will arise as we go forward (ie in person gathering). We will be using resources from the UUA and CDC as well as other places of information and research. Of course, this is tricky because the very nature of Covid is tricky. In today's news, the impact of a phenomenon in India (where people are not returning for a second shot) could result in a more virulent variant is simply one example. Team members include: Jane McLeod, Abby Gitlitz, Ann

LeDuc, Melinda Swenson, Reverend Dave Clements and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin.

Campus Enrichment

As mentioned last time, Jason Michalek is our new, very part-time staff person for campus ministry aka campus enrichment. Here is the promised description of the new title and job description: The **Campus Enrichment Orchestrator (CEO)** serves as the connective tissue between UU Church of Bloomington and the campuses in the area—principally Indiana University but also Ivy Tech and other campuses within digital reach. This role involves coordinating programming that serves the young adult demographic in order to connect them with current programming in our congregation as well as working with each individual to manifest anything they're seeking in the purview of our principles. To build such a generative community, the CEO also coordinates with other community organizations and campus ministries in ways that ensure the cultivation of ethically responsible programming.

Trauma Stewardship

I hope we, ministers and board, can review “take aways” from the book Trauma Stewardship. However, now, with the timing of Reverend David Pyle's work with the Board, it might make better sense to do that as part of that process or perhaps after that process has completed.

February 28 Worship Service

Speaking of Reverend David Pyle, from UUA MidAmerica Region, he will be in our pulpit on February 28th. I hope you all will join us for that Sunday. In addition, that will be my final Sunday before my time off in March. I am very much looking forward to having a break.

Pledge Drive

It's been awhile since I have been excited about a Pledge Drive but I am excited about this one. It will be full of Sunshine! And hopefully sunny pledges.

Peace, Mary Ann

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin