

# AUUF BOARD MEETING - June 15, 2021

**FINAL**

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## **Board Members Present [in person except Berta] :**

Sid McCausland - President, James Dryden – Secretary, Peggy Robinson – Treasurer, Don Antrobus, Berta Gardner (Zoom), and Robin Hill

**Ex-Officio Members Present :** None

**Others Present during part or all of the meeting :** Rosene Beachy, Kalen Saxton, Stephanie Koonz, Cindy Kinard

## **6:31 pm Call to Order/Agenda/Minutes**

Agenda accepted without objection

### **Consent Agenda Items**

- 1. Approval of Minutes of the March 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting – James**  
Approved without objection
- 2. Approval of Three Month Building Use Restrictions re:COVID-19 – Sid**  
Approved without objection

## **6:45 pm Continued Business**

- 1. Whale Coast Update & Banquet Plans – James**  
All is going well. Denise, Jane Gray, and Kalen have done an excellent job again. The banquet held last Sunday was attended by about 28 travelers and 20 AUUF members. With half the attendees outside under tents, observing lax social distancing did not lessen the event. Volunteers will be needed again for July.
- 2. Construction Update - Don**  
No recent updates from Kuchar. Awaiting carpet in delivery about end of June. Ken, Don, and Alix have connected some of the new A/V equipment and expect to work on it further Jun 16 with Chariot. We need to hang the choir mics but positioning has been determined. There has been a lack of volunteers for painting. Painting of the registers specifically needs someone.
- 3. Re-opening Progress Report – Sid**  
Soft re-opening has begun. Whale Coast visitors had the first in-person worship service in the sanctuary last Sunday. First in-person with our members will be 11am worship this Sunday 6/20. AA has resumed in-person meetings and Freethinkers has held hybrid meetings from the social room. Janitorial has been scheduled for once a month on Saturday.
- 4. Building Use Protocol / Small Group Use Update - Peggy**  
See above Re-opening Progress.
- 5. Approval of Three Month Building Use Restrictions re:COVID-19 – Sid**  
Approved without objection above in consent agenda
- 6. UUA General Assembly Delegates – Sid**  
Only members (Sid & Kathleen) will be attending as delegates. We can send five and fees are paid by the AUUF.
- 7. Adoption of Priorities for Allocation of Unallocated Restricted Reserves - Peggy**

AUUF has significant uncommitted reserves at this point after several significant donations and bequests. A long term approach to setting priorities is needed.

Peggy has prepared a couple excellent documents categorizing the various suggested options for committing these funds. The document *Adoption of Priorities for Allocation of Unallocated Restricted Reserves* has a suggested prioritization of target funding suggestions and much detail backup. The exercise document from the last board meeting highlighting the prioritization of short term desires (e.g..playground) versus long range financial goals (e.g. loan payoff) was included in the Dropbox again.

Cindy Kinard reported on the playground project which might be envisioned as \$20-\$90k project. The playground would really be built for smaller children in the neighborhood. Older children go to the park or to the Airport Heights School playground. The playground found support among board members but the current plans need a more defined scope and estimated cost. .

These priorities set long term direction for AUUF. Board members are asked to prepare their thoughts on these priorities for the next meeting. Written positions and comment would be good. We expect discussion and, hopefully, some decisions on some major funding priorities.

**8:13 pm New Business**

**1. Allocation of Proceeds of Bill Stilling's Estate - Peggy**

The bank has deposited the \$100,000 settlement. The funds are being allocated as part of the major funding prioritization.

**2. Allocation of Proceeds from the Mama Bear Lake Property - Peggy**

We are closing on the \$10,000 sale.

**3. Review of Half Portion Policy - Peggy**

Discussion centered on the action of rejecting/accepting donations to the half portion where the donor asks for a split different than 50/50. Peggy felt that the accounting was an additional chore, addition to AUUF's budget loosing donations through the half-portion split, and ask that we support a policy that has been in place for years. Donors can donate directly to half portion target organizations if they don't want to the donation split. James felt that PILOT cannot be targeted that way by donors. Isn't it better to channel donations though AUUF so we get visibility? It feels coercive for our website donation page to exclude supplemental donations especially since we have relatively frequent special collections. We should be welcoming of donations and sensitive to donor preferences. Peggy stated that PILOT is a different situation, as it is difficult to directly contribute to MOA. Twice this year the Rev. Lise designated 100% of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering to PILOT as well as PILOT being a half-portion recipient. In addition, there are other options listed on the website for other supplemental donations. There were only two supplemental donations this year and they were for PILOT.

**Motion** Peggy, second by Berta, To always split Half Portion donations 50/50 unless designated by the board. **Passed Unanimously**

It is further agreed that the donation page will be examined to include a miscellaneous category with explanation box.

**4. Revisiting our AUUF Chalice Logo- Rev. Lise**

Postponed due to Rev Lise absence

**5. Acknowledging Colonialism in our Land Acknowledgment – Rev. Lise**

Postponed due to Rev Lise absence

**6. Strategic Objectives Elements Timeline Follow up - Sid**

Brief review.

**7. Picnic (added item)**

Kalen said if we wanted to have a picnic, she would organize it. August 22 would be a good date. Having the picnic in the building and parking lot looks like the best plan. Sid has tents available which are being used for Peace Camp. Covid protocols are still changing rapidly. We need to consider whether masks will be required for children. Put over until July meeting.

**8:50 pm Staff and Committee/Team Reports in Dropbox - Discussion**

All reports were all accepted as filed.

**8:55 pm Adjourned** by Chair w/o objection

**Next Meeting Assignments :**

Board members should prepare thoughts (written?) on our major funding priorities.

**Next Meetings:**

**Executive Committee, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30PM**

**Board Meeting, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30-8:30PM**

**Program Council, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00PM**

Respectfully submitted by James Dryden, Secretary