

**Board Members Present [via zoom]** : Peggy Robinson – President, Robin Hill – Vice President, James Dryden – Secretary, Sid McCausland - Treasurer, Don Antrobus, Kathy Lucich, and Kalen Saxton

**Others Present** : Rev. Lise Adams-Sherry , Bruce Roberts, Yolanda Meza, Jim Kerr, Cindy Kinard, Peter Briggs on Zoom

**6:40pm A. Call to Order/Agenda**

Agenda approved without objection.

**6:48pm B. Consent Agenda Items**

- 1. Approval of Minutes of the May 18th Board meeting – James**  
Approved as edited in Dropbox without objection.

**6:55pm C. Continued Business**

- 1. Playground & Storage – Proposal presentation by Peter on Zoom**

Currently \$31K in the playground fund from individual contributions and \$25K from one-time funds designated to the playground by the board. The reserve account total is \$56K right now.

Peter presented drawings of the AUUF lot showing suggestions for placement of playground improvements. Points made about the plan as being presented –

- The goal is how to use the small space
- Moving snow dump south and removing the shed
- When one considers play equipment cost, a big part is special rubber surfaces extending 6' out
- Board needs to decide priority for the age group(s) to be served. Toddlers vs elementary?
- Plan should be long-term allowing additions over 20 years as funding is available
- Plan needs to balance expenditure for play areas vs landscaping
- A swing might cost \$2-3K, install doubles that, and surfacing might cost \$30K @ \$30-40/sqft
- We should consider phases or fundraising. \$56K is a small sum.
- Stackable cube type playground equipment is compact and has high play value
- Such cubes require a supervisor to get it out and put it away else it might be stolen
- The plan shows seven segments in the plaza for seven principles
- Space too small really for separately providing toddler and elementary equipment
- Storage has been provided by a 4x8' and/or a 4x12' sheds with access from side and front
- A climbing wall (3 or 4' high) could be incorporated into the fence. This is dense usage.
- The existing play equipment is substandard. Its placement interferes with alternatives

Discussion & questions –

- Children often don't play as designers thought they would
- Climbing and sliding as existing structure are big activities for kids
- Is there an order to the build? Do some improvements need to be done before others?
  - Maybe start south of existing. Maybe start with plaza.
  - This might conflict with the existing play equipment needing to remove south part of existing.
- Rubber tiles are \$25/sqft. Subsurface prep brings total to \$40/sqft providing wheelchair access
- Can we identify the ages we should serve first?
- Climbing wall might cost \$30K plus 6 ft of safety surface but it could be Do-It-Yourself install
- Board agreed that our emphasis is on the pre-school and grade school ages
- There was a contemplative element to the original conceptions. Where is it?
- Where is the sand box?

- Benches are very important. There must be benches.
- We need trees as possible, but they take a lot of room.
- Might be done in three phases: North play area, South play, Plaza
- Board members should go walk the area.
- We need drawings to make sense of walking the area.

**2. COVID Update – Rev. Lise, Peggy**

It seems like the sign in sheet is no longer of the same value. Tracing by the state has stopped and COVID seems like it is popping up everywhere. The sign in sheet was useful but its usefulness has passed. We are still wearing masks inside, but it was very relaxed at WhaleCoast.

**3. Status of Hiring DLRE and Congregational Administrator – Rev. Lise & Peggy**

We have hired a new administrator – Shellie Gooden. We were very lucky. She has previous commitments, but she has begun working with Gina.

**4. Planning for FY23 – Peggy**

Special Early July Board Meeting July 7 6:30pm.

To be Zoom: Election of Officers, set retreat date, contact Jim Kerr & Yolanda

**7:57 pm D. New Business**

**1. Rev. Lise’s Contract - Peggy**

Not ready. Carry over to next meeting.

**2. Attitude of Gratitude - Peggy**

Rev. Lise suggests that we need to better emphasize the thanking of one another in our congregational culture. Does the board have suggestions?

Written notes delivered by mail are best for many.

We could include thank you’s in the read-aloud portion of Joys & Concerns

There are official AUUF thank you cards used for donors and volunteers.

Rosene has a stock of Catherine Huffman’s Tree of Life cards that might be good.

Gina will be asked to provide a basket and some thank you cards at the door or lobby.

**3. GA Delegate Business Meeting Subjects - Peggy**

The General Assembly 2022 has a Proposed Business Resolution on the agenda which would direct the Board of Trustees to review and propose a rewrite of the UUA bylaws. The board consensus was that Peggy may follow her inclination and vote for the proposal.

There are contested seats in the UUA Board of Trustees this year. Peggy sought advice on how to cast her delegate vote. There has been some friction at the national level over the emphasis on Black Lives Matter and other racial issues. The *GadFly Papers* is at the center of the controversy.

**8:45pm Staff and Committee/Team Reports in Dropbox - Discussion**

All reports were filed.

Entered Executive Session for personnel matters without objection.

**9:21 pm Exit Executive Session and Adjourned** by Chair w/o objection

**Next Meetings:**

Special Board Meeting, July 7, 6:30PM  
Agenda Setting, July 14?, 5:30-6:00pm  
Board Meeting, July 20, 6:30-8:30PM  
Program Council, July 26, 6:00-8:00PM

Respectfully submitted by James Dryden, Secretary