

**Board Members Present [via zoom]** : Don Antrobus – President, Kalen Saxton – Vice President, James Dryden – Secretary, Sid McCausland - Treasurer, Kathy Lucich, Jim Kerr, and Yolanda Meza

**Others Present** : Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Ray Macfarlane, Stephanie Koonz

**Introductions** were made with our new Director of Learning and Exploration (DLE), Dr. Ray Macfarlane, who is joining us tonight for the first time.

### **6:33pm A. Call to Order/Agenda**

**Move** by Kalen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy, to adopt the agenda. Passed without objection.

### **7:00pm B. Consent Agenda Items**

**Move** by James, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yolanda, to adopt the minutes of last meeting including edits in the dropbox. Passed without objection.

**Move** by Sid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James, to adopt the minutes of the May Annual Meeting with edits in the Dropbox (provisionally, after review by James and Kathy). Passed without objection.

### **7:06pm C. Continued Business**

#### **1. COVID Update: Masking Requirements – Rev. Lise & Don**

The choir has been asking about dropping masking requirements for rehearsal. Megan suggested masking optional. Choir singing at the Worship services might need first couple rows empty? An OWL parent was concerned that masking will limit expression and the full facial contact between students needed when discussing serious subjects like OWL. AUUF continues to try to be welcoming and considerate of those needing extra protection so we continue to ask all to wear masks except when eating or drinking.

At the Gary Holthaus memorial, masks will be required except when eating or drinking. There is no limit of 50 in the sanctuary as had been suggested. We'll be following the masking protocols currently used for Sunday services.

#### **2. Rev. Lise's Called Minister Contract – Don/Rev. Lise**

Rev. Lise's contract has been completed.

#### **3. Board Retreat Saturday Aug 27: Draft Agenda – Don**

Board retreat at Raven's Roost hosted by Yolanda and Kathy. Brief review of retreat agenda.

#### **4. Attitude of Gratitude – Status – Don/Rev. Lise**

Catherine Huffman may be preparing a custom thank you card to promote this initiative.

#### **5. Status of Hiring DLRE– Rev. Lise**

Obviously, the hiring phase is over and we all welcome Dr. Ray. The position will be titled Director of Learning and Exploration (DLE).

#### **6. Drop Box Update – James**

Dropbox management method is in the AUUF Board Dropbox root. Shellie has been busy with many other matters and other digital methods have not been discussed.

**7. Contact and Liaison Lists – Rev Lise**

There needs to be a place in our cloud files to store these lists for everyone to be able to access them. It is not just for board members. See #6 above.

**8. Update on Board “Thank You’s”**

The gifts for Denise and Peggy are personal thank you’s from the board. Kalen will collect money from the board members (\$175 total).

**9. A/V Tech Status & Rick Miller - Sid**

There has been no motion towards hiring an A/V tech. Rick Miller is still helping.

**8:17pm D. New Business**

**1. Whale Coast Lead Transition**

We seriously need a replacement for Denise. She has borne the bulk of the work organizing the homestays for a long time. We need to identify other(s) to perform this function this coming year.

**2. Construction Loan Repayment Challenge – Sid**

A member (publicly anonymous for now) has made a most generous offer to match one-to-one up to \$50,000 of donations designated to pay off the construction loan. Sid has prepared an announcement/solicitation. If fully subscribed, this would eliminate the balloon payment due June 2033 and allow us to retire the loan in 2029 assuming we continue making payments as we are currently (~\$1000/month). There is a balance on the note of approximately \$174,000.

**Move** by Sid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy, to present this challenge to the members.

Passed without objection, some celebration, and a great BIG thank you to our donor.

**3. Acceptance of FY22 Annual Financial Report – Sid**

This is an updated version of the FY22 financial report given at the annual meeting. If there are no objections, Sid is asking permission to publish this on the website. No objections were voiced.

**8:40pm Staff and Committee/Team Reports in Dropbox - Discussion**

All reports were accepted. The new shed is scheduled for delivery August 29 and the site should be ready by then.

**8:35pm Adjourned** by Chair w/o objection

**Next Meetings:**

Program Council, September 27, 6:00-8:00PM

Agenda Setting, September 15, 5:30-6:00pm

Board Meeting, September 20, 6:30-8:30PM

Gary Holthaus Remembrance, August 21 10:00 am joint Forum & Worship

Respectfully submitted by James Dryden, Secretary