

Board Members Present [via zoom] :

Sid McCausland - President, Kathleen Lucich -Vice President, James Dryden – Secretary, Peggy Robinson – Treasurer, Don Antrobus, Robin Hill, and Kalen Saxton

Ex-Officio Members Present : Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, David O'Brien

Others Present during part or all of the meeting : Rosene Beachy, Cindy Kinard, Wray Kinard

6:34 pm A. Call to Order/Agenda/Minutes

Agenda accepted with changes.

Election of officers proceeded to Nominations

- Robin nominated for Vice President by Peggy
- James nominated for Secretary by Kalen
- Sid nominated for Treasurer by Peggy
- Peggy nominated for President by Sid

After asking each candidate if they were willing to serve and hearing no further nominations, the chair declared nominations closed and installed the officers by acclamation. Peggy assumed the chair.

6:45 pm B. Consent Agenda Items

1. Approval of Minutes of the July 21st Board meeting – James

Moved by Kalen, 2nd by ??, approved with edit in Dropbox. Passed without objection.

7:12 pm C. Continued Business

1. Approval of Three Month Building Use Restrictions re COVID-19 -Sid

Sid prepared a document proposing one of two motions (A or B) altering our masking policies due to the recent COVID surge. Should we move to require masks at all times inside the building regardless of vaccination status? Alaska is reaching the current CDC recommendations (masking indoors with >50 new cases/100k population/day) for masking indoors and limiting group gatherings. Should we have different rules for groups >6 individuals? Should we pursue in person Sunday worship with low and maybe falling participation? Lise prefers that we continue to provide hybrid services, feels that some members feel a strong need for in person contact, and suggests we can't live in fear of moderate disease. Consensus that staff and volunteers working alone need not be masked. Some consensus that individuals not working closely can behave responsibly.

Move by Don, 2nd Robin, to accept A. (below) in Sid's presented document C.1_COVID Restrictions.docx but strike all after "while" in 1.1 and allow the minister and president to set COVID building use policy going forward and advise the board. **Passed 7:0**

A. Continuing with in person and virtual activities

*Motion: The Board hereby agrees that the use of our Fellowship building and grounds through **November 30, 2021**, shall be limited to events hosted by groups/organizations*

1. Whose organizers commit to:

- 1.1. requiring that all participants wear masks ~~while inside our building except when putting food or drink in their mouths.~~
- 1.2. *completing a roster of all participants with contact information for each event and preserved for four weeks to facilitate contact tracing if a participant subsequently tests positive for COVID-19,*

1.3. full compliance with AUUF's COVID-19 Building Use Protocols, as they may be amended from time to time, and

1.4. schedule through AUUF's Office.

2. *Failure to comply with AUUF Protocols may result in cancelation of future events for the duration of the pandemic.*
3. *During all activities involving unvaccinated youth, participants will wear masks and maintain 3-foot distances between pods. The Board will rely upon the individuals to honor this mandate.*
4. *AUUF Staff and RE Volunteers shall provide proof of vaccination before interacting with unvaccinated youth.*
5. *AUUF groups meeting in the building shall make best efforts to arrange for Zoom inclusion for participants unable to join in person due to COVID-19 concerns or great geographic differences. The Board **shall may** review this memorandum at each monthly meeting and may modify, shorten, or extend its duration as the situation warrants.*

2. Allocation of One Time Funds - Peggy

Peggy asked that it be moved down agenda after new business

3. Approval of Automatic Door Opener Posts - James

The installation of a 4' post to hold the ADA door opener switch has been halted by the question of whether these switches should be installed on the larger posts envisioned as part of the long term plan. The matter has been brought to the board for guidance.

Move by Kalen, 2nd by James to install the 4' post now before freeze up and allow the contractor to replace it.

Cindy produced a new drawing of a 10' post (with baskets and banner hangers as described in the long range plan) and said she had a preliminary quote for construction of two such poles in September for \$900. There are ready funds in a landscape account. There is concern that the baskets will interfere with the overhang but Cindy accepts responsibility to work out such details with Jobe and others. Don offered to remove the 4' post if the contractor does not wish to include that work in his scope.

Passed 7:0

7:45 pm D. New Business

1. Approval of Social Action Council Charter - Kalen

Kalen is advising the group of the proper template.

2. Playground Planning Update & Guidance - Cindy

There are many documents in the Dropbox reflecting a great deal of thought and work on these playground projects. The CYRE has reviewed plans and offered comments in a Dropbox document. The total project costs have been roughed at \$206k and \$150k. The playground group suggests the playground might need funding from a capital campaign. The board has a tentative concept of a much lower \$20k commitment. Obviously, we need a prioritization of components so the board may assess the value of appropriating a sum such as \$20k.

Cindy and Jobe will work on better cost information and a prioritization of components and hope to return to present these materials at the next board meeting.

3. Revisiting our AUUF Chalice Logo – Rev Lise

The logo has no known Alaska Native source. Its known history dates from 1990's with Peter Tryon, revision by Josef Princiotta for Gary Holthaus ~2013. Ken Winterberger's contact at the Anchorage Museum said it may unfortunately be a classic case of cultural appropriation. Rev Lise

felt her colleagues would consider its usage as inappropriate. Many members may disagree. Rev. Lise also pointed out that AUUF does not have a deep connection to any Alaska Native organization or peoples, though the logo style may suggest that we do. Kalen suggested formation of a three-person committee to seek an alternative for approval at the annual meeting. Rev Lise prefers a slow purging from media, website, and stationery. Kalen, Rev Lise, and others will pursue changes with a target of approval of a new logo at the annual meeting.

4. Acknowledging Colonialism in Our Land Acknowledgement – Rev Lise

Board accepted Rev Lise’s last wording with David’s revision (emails) without objection.

- We acknowledge that we gather today on the traditional lands of the Dena’ina Athabascans.
- For more than a thousand years the Dena’ina have been and continue to be stewards of this land.
- ~~We regret the system of colonialism that continues to oppress the Dena’ina and other indigenous peoples and will work to dismantle this white supremacist structure.~~
- **We regret the system of colonialism that continues to oppress the Dena’ina and other indigenous peoples and will work toward its dismantlement.**
- With gratefulness and respect, we recognize the contributions, innovations, and contemporary perspectives of the upper Cook Inlet Dena’ina.

5. Healthy Congregation Charter – Kelley not here

Move Kalen, 2nd Kathleen, to approve the charter. Well done. **Passed without objection.**

6. Duties of the Past President – David

David wishes to hand off duties he has been doing as he is no longer the Past President, specifically coordination of the annual volunteer awards and management of the AUUF Board Google Group. David was thanked for his involvement over the last year. Documents were posted to Dropbox.

James accepted managing AUUF_BOD@googlegroup.com
Robin accepted organizing the volunteer awards.

7. New item – RE Registration & Stewardship Online Systems - Sid

Sid has built systems in Google forms and sheets and would like to be mentoring someone to take them over.

8:26 pm C2. Allocation One Time Funds Discussion from above

Meeting extended by the chair until 9 pm without objection.

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Peggy explained the new documents recapping the report from last meeting. Peggy has collected estimates for various projects/tasks from contractors over the last weeks and placed them in the Dropbox. Peggy has also pulled together a large number of documents from various sources that relate to these projects. The object is to get discussions going and be able to discuss more fully at the September meeting.

Wray wished to make a statement to support a full 20% bequests be placed in the endowment vs the proposed 10%. He pointed out that this is in the Finance policy (with a caveat) and the Endowment Committee was largely responsible for the Wake Now Our Vision (WNOV) funds (\$66k already received & \$660k later). James wrote an email addressing many proposed allocations. Kalen felt there was a lot of information here to absorb and she was working on it. There was no Return On Investment analysis for the LED conversion plan or other energy

projects. Members were encouraged to do this analysis if they can. All members need to examine these proposed allocations for the next meeting.

8:53 pm Staff and Committee/Team Reports in Dropbox - Discussion

All reports were all accepted as filed.

Enter executive session for the personnel discussion without objection.

Exited executive session without objection.

9:05 pm Adjourned by Chair w/o objection

Next Meeting Assignments :

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

Next Meetings:

Program Council, Sept 27th, 6:00-8:00PM

Agenda Setting Mtg, Sept 9th, 6:30-7:00PM

Board Meeting, Sept 15th, 6:30-8:30PM

Respectfully submitted by James Dryden, Secretary