AUUF BOARD MEETING - July 17, 2025

Board Members Present: Don Antrobus – President, Kalen Saxton – Vice President, Justin Roberts – Secretary, Doug Eby – Treasurer, Kath Rutherford, Mel Langdon, George Bryson.

Others Present: Rev. Lise, DRE Jennifer Bluntach

6:30pm A. Call to Order/Agenda

After brief personal check-ins, a chalice lighting by Kath, a reading of the land acknowledgement by Justin, and a reading of the Board covenant by Don, Don called the meeting to order. There were two additional items added to the agenda. Without objection, the revised agenda was adopted.

6:50pm B. Consent Agenda

1. **Approval of the June 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes –** Without objection, the minutes were approved.

2. **Approval of the Annual Meeting Minutes –** Kath explained the changes she made to the annual meeting minutes, including the full wording of motions. Rev. Lise had some suggested changes. Kath will make changes and upload them to dropbox.

7:00pm C. Continued Business

1. **Treasurer's Report and Review of June Financials.** Doug discussed the budget summary, including the $10,000 in one-time income, which was the first Whale Coast contribution and should be in the next fiscal year. The final year to date margin was slightly positive with some revenues slightly higher than expected and costs more than $35k under budget. As a result, we are not spending any Undesignated Reserves to balance the budget for the past year. We will also be reviewing the KSKA reserved fund for possible marketing. Don also facilitated the transfer of stock from the stock account to the bank account.

2. **Board Administrative Discussion and Decisions.**

    a. New Board Member (Kalen's Replacement). We discussed several options for replacement of Kalen on the Board. The Board unanimously approved Marty Freeman as Kalen's replacement.

    b. Board Officers for FY26. The Board agreed the Justin Roberts will serve as president, Don Antrobus will serve as vice-president, Kath Rutherford will serve as secretary, and Doug Eby will serve as treasurer.

    c. Team and Committee Liaison Assignments. We re-assigned team and committee liaison assignments.

    d. Sharing of Traditional Board President Roles. We discussed the traditional roles of the Board president and how to divide them up among the rest of the Board. Mel volunteered to coordinate the Bylaws Committee. Don will continue handling the Minister's Review and the New Revenue Task Force. Kath will coordinate the annual awards and annual dinner presentations. George will be the liaison for Program Council. Justin will meet with Lise to set the agenda, run the meeting, upload documents to dropbox, coordinate and conduct the annual meeting, and coordinate and conduct the Board retreat. Doug will reach out to Mara about coordinating the Pilot presentation next year.

e. Regular Board Meeting Day and Time. For now, we will meet the third Wednesday of the month, but we may change that later in the year.

3. **Continued Discussion Regarding Taking of Public Positions.** We discussed the meaning of Section 5.7(j) of the Bylaws which only allows the Board to take positions on issues on behalf of the Fellowship with "approval of 85% of those attending at a congregational meeting at which a quorum exists." At the annual meeting, there were 71 ballots distributed, 64 ballots returned, and 53-57 votes for each of the four items (53 votes for LGBTQ, 54 votes for Immigration, 55 for Medicare and Medicaid, and 57 for Issues Consistent with UUA). There was discussion of whether to count proxy votes in the total (and if so, how to distinguish proxy votes) and what to do with people who attended but did not submit a ballot. The Board recommended that the Bylaws committee address the issue to clear up the confusion. In the meantime, the Board did not think it had a mandate for specific action. This does not prohibit Rev. Lise or Becca Bernard from making public statements. We also discussed the Johnson amendment on nonprofits taking positions on political candidates. The Board agreed that we should not be taking positions on political candidates.

4. **Strategic Plan Action Items**

   a. **Continued Feedback Process.** We have not received feedback recently in the feedback box. Rev. Lise will make announcements at the services to remind people about the box.

   b. **TAOF Articles.** Don will finalize the TAOF article on taking public positions and forward it to Justin for review.

7:45pm D. New Business

1. **Set Date for Board Retreat –** The Board retreat is tentatively scheduled to be at Doug's house on August 30, but we will check given that it is Labor Day Weekend.

3. **Long Term Rental –** The Music Together class would like to sign a 2-year lease for $12,000/year. However, there was a request to remove a wall between two classrooms. The Board recommended asking for slightly higher rent and agreement to replace the wall if we decide we want it rebuilt.

8:25pm E. Staff, Committee & Team Reports

1. Minister's Report (monthly) – Rev. Lise submitted a written report.
2. President's Report (quarterly) – no report.
3. Director of Religious Exploration (monthly) – Jen submitted a written report.
4. Other Staff Reports (as needed or requested by Board) – no report
5. Building & Grounds Committee Report (quarterly) – no report
6. Human Resources Report (quarterly) – no report
7. Nominating Committee Report – no report
8. Stewardship Committee Report (monthly) – Peggy submitted a stewardship report.
9. Treasurer/Finance Committee Report (monthly) – Doug submitted a written report.
10. Other Team Reports (as needed or requested by Board) – no report

8:25pm D. Executive Session

There was no executive session.

8:30pm E. Adjournment by Chair w/o Objection

Adjourned by Chair without objection.

Next Meetings:

Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 20, 6:30-8:30

Respectfully submitted by Justin Roberts, Secretary