

Meeting	FMUU Board Meeting MINUTES	Date	3/13/22
Facilitator	Bill Thomas, Board Chair	Start Time	9:35 am
Location	FMUU Church & Zoom	End Time	10:15 am
Attendees	Bill Thomas, Lisa Falk, Claudia English, Jarrad Prasifka, Jessica Jensen, Joseph DeMasi, Monika Browne-Ecker (notes)	Typed by	Monika Browne-Ecker

FMUU Values, Guiding Principles, and Mission

Our Values

Community, Compassion, Spirituality, Belonging

Our Mission

The mission of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fargo Moorhead is to provide to its members, and to the community, an environment of religious tolerance, a loving fellowship of diversity, an open forum for the exchange of social, political, and moral ideas and values, and a religious home for spiritual growth without fear of reprisal.

Our Principles

We covenant to affirm and promote the principles of Unitarian Universalism in thought and deed.

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Key Points To Discuss

Agenda Item	Need / Discussion	Conclusion / Assignment
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chalice lighting ● Approval of Minutes from 2/13/22 ● Approve Consent Agenda (see below) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Correction to 2/13/22 minutes: amount paid towards mortgage was \$45,000.50
Finance (Claudia) (10 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review & Approval of P&L, Balance Sheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financials will be approved at the next meeting once they are received from accountant.
Ministerial Search (5 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Updates from Committee ● Ministerial posting has been posted to MSUM and NDSU. ● Received an inquiry from a new candidate from the New Thought Church. No application submitted yet. ● Lisa forwarded an update from the UU Transitions office that didn't look very optimistic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Martin Avery previously expressed interest in the position. Jessica will share Martin's contact information with Lisa (as liaison to the search committee) ● Jessica will reach out to Warren Christensen to connect with Warren's friend who may be interested in the position.
Program Committee (Bill/Jarrad)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There are no current updates from the committee due to rescheduling of the monthly meeting to next week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
Stewardship (Lisa) 5 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Committee will be collecting testimonials for an upcoming newsletter ● Committee plans to send out letters towards the end of March so information can be collected before the Annual Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bill and Monika will meet to discuss staff tasks in support of the campaign.
Tech Task Force (Bill) (5 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bill investigated how other churches deal with projection and found that many churches have a blank wall in their 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sound system usage approval request has been granted for

	sanctuaries that allow simple projection. We don't have a blank wall. The task force is still debating between benefits and drawbacks of soft vs. hard screen for projection.	4/22 wedding of James and Angela Richarte
Board Nominating Committee (5 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mark Sinner has agreed to serve on the Board and Donna Jones expressed potential interest, though has not yet agreed to be nominated. ● There are currently no members with young families who have the capacity to represent that demographic on the committee. 	●
Annual Meeting (Claudia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annual meeting has been set to May 15. It will not be a potluck. ● Claudia offered to collect committee and council reports prior to the meeting. ● Monika requested that the individual committee and council reports be sent to her under a reasonable deadline so she can put together the Annual Report. ● Monika will collect nominations for the Lifetime Service Award and the 2021 Outstanding Service Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deadline for Annual Report: May 8 ● Monika will include a call for nominations for the Lifetime Service Award and the 2021 Outstanding Service Award in the weekly e-updates and April newsletter.
Social Justice Council (Joseph)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● John Bagu met with the Social justice Council and congregation members regarding solar panels. ● John will do a free assessment of the church's roof in the Spring to evaluate the best location for potential panels and the viability of the roof in that location. ● Recommendation for 12 panels at around \$1,000 per panel. According to Joseph, the investment would pay for itself within 30 years. While there aren't significant financial savings to producing energy for the church this way, the environmental impact is of importance if we want to reduce the carbon footprint of the church. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● More information in the Spring after roof evaluation.
New Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yifan Chen is interested in becoming a member. Yifan has been donating to the basket collection every Sunday when she attends church. She inquired about how the basket collection gifts are used and Jarrad explained that it's funds that go towards the daily expenses and activities of the church itself. ● Yifan emailed the office volunteering her time for the coffee service and any other volunteer needs around the church. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New member Class has been scheduled for April 10. Lisa will send e-update and newsletter blurb to Monika.
Additional Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None at this time 	●
Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None at this time 	●

Meeting Consent Agenda

● Place Committee.

- Jacob Bosmoe fixed the kitchen faucet without making Additional purchases. Jake also fixed the light in the Minister's office. We will reimburse him 64.41 for a new light fixture. Jake took the old fixture to

dispose of since we don't have a dumpster for such things. Mark Morrison and Larry Peterson volunteered for snow removal through the month of March. Juli received a key for the admin office.

- o Snow Removal: Mark Morrison is signed up for the first two weeks in March and Larry Peterson and Mary Struck are signed up for the last two weeks in March.

- **Mortgage Campaign.** No updates submitted yet
- **New Members.** No updates submitted yet

Respectfully submitted,
Monika Browne-Ecker