

HUUF Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Oct 12, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the HUUF Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:03 pm by David Marshak.

Present: David Marshak, Chris West, Sandy Lynn, Montana Caouette, Peter Farriday, Amy Day, Sylvia Shaw, Cassie Brilbeck, Marianne Pennekamp, Debi Cooper, Eve Anderson

Absent: Rebekah Paez, Sally Williams

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with no changes.

Agenda Items

1. **Kitchen Discussion:** Sylvia Shaw suggested a proposal for a “Kitchen Ministry” that would provide a way for non-HUUF social action groups to use our kitchen to prepare food for such things as providing food for people in need, or fundraisers for their group. Questions and concerns about liability issues, upgrade costs, storage, HUUF’s tax-exempt status, and how to bring in the opinions of the congregation were raised and discussed.

Action Item: >>> Sylvia will write up a proposal and present it to the board at a later date.

2. Discussion of monthly reports

- a. **Admin report:** No issues or discussion.
- b. **DLRE report:** Appreciation for the work that Berti’s been doing on the playscape was voiced and agreed upon by all.
- c. **Minister report:** Peter is working on the welcoming packet/brochures for visitors. It was mentioned that we are still looking for a good formatting program for the newsletter.

3. **Financial reports:** There was a discussion led by Eve Anderson and Marianne Pennekamp regarding HUUF's past practice of donating to social justice groups such as Circula de Amigos, Arcata House Partnership, and Betty Chinn on a regular and ongoing basis. Since the COVID shut-down some of these practices have been interrupted, and the question of whether we want to find a way to resume these donations was raised. It was noted that the support money for Circula de Amigos is usually paid in November, but for the others sometime before the holidays would be nice. It was also noted that we do not have the level of financial resources that we used in the past for these donations (mostly Sunday service offertory and Social Action Brunches), but it was proposed that we pay now out of the general fund and figure out a way to recoup the funds later. There were no objections.

Action Item: >>> **David, Debi and Eve** will work on how to approach the congregation on this.

4. **Halloween festival update:** Sandy, Debi and Sylvia reported that the Halloween Festival plans were coming along smoothly with no major issues to date. The festival outline was described: All outdoors, during late afternoon daylight hours, only 10 audience members per group (masks will be required), six skits, "passports" for stickers instead of crafts, no food or bonfire. We still need to recruit more people to be presenters and helpers, but the committee feels confident that it won't be a problem.

5. Upcoming Sunday service logistics:

- a.** Service Managers are needed for the upcoming services for greeter, setup, and breakdown.

Action Item: >>> **David** will send out a sign-up Google doc to BOT members.

Peter suggested that we set out the cards for visitors to fill out if they want more information.

- b. Number of folks safely indoors:** There was a discussion about the number of chairs to set up for indoor services in order for all involved to feel safe. It was suggested that 30 to 40 would be a good number, but also that the Worship Leaders would be allowed to use their own discretion as to what seems safe, keeping in mind that circumstances can change quickly.

6. Planning for Congregational meeting on Oct 17: The meeting will focus on the budget approval and the possibility of HUUF adopting the “8th Principle” which has been proposed by several congregations in the UUA:

8th principle: *We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.*

7. Ideas for new chair of Membership Committee: It was noted that we still need a chair for a membership committee, as well as members, and David suggested that we ask around to recruit people for this.

New Business

- Debi suggested that we plan a send-off for Scarlett to show our appreciation.
Action Item: >>> **Debi** will head a committee to do so.
- There was also a discussion about a possible future event to show appreciation for HUUF volunteers, possibly in the spring.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm by David Marshak.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, Nov 9, 7 – 9pm**

Minutes submitted by: Sandy Lynn