

05-22-2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Jennings, David Nelson, Donald Stanziano , Mark Willis, Ginger Yoder, Sue Engels

On Zoom: Judy Meuth, Tom Salsbury, Suzanne Seigneur , Rev. Elizabeth Stevens, (late) Ash Anderson

Absent: Alexandra Broughton

Judy M added one agenda item under "New Business" - PWR Business Meeting

Michael J moved to approve the April minutes with one minor addition, David N seconded, unanimously approved

Donald S will write "thank you" notes to the Ren Fair Committee members: Patricia Jessup, Hydee Becker, David Nelson, and Jim Frenzel

Judy Meuth will write a "thank you" note to Ryan Urie for compiling/composing the poems used recently in the service; she will also write condolence cards for the Urie family & Melodie Rai.

Treasurer's Report - expenditures are as expected, our cash position is good, the second payment on the siding project is set to go out, and work on the siding will begin June 2.

Minister's Report - see written report; Rev. Elizabeth will probably be overspending on her Professional Expenses; Board okayed spending what's necessary and will cover it with other funds

Director of Faith Formation's Report - no written report; BUSY but all good things; more Youth Group stuff is happening; Ginger filled in for Ryan for the De-Escalation Training due to the death of his sister-in-law.

Ginger's Credentialling is officially complete!

May 30 Celebration Party - everything is set to go.

"Transgender 101" class is set to go in June; discussion of whether to sign up if you know you'll miss some sessions - Ash not yet present but hopefully will be here later to answer this.

Ren Fair went smoothly and ended with ~\$2400 for Planned Parenthood; all transactions went through Square, both cash & cards, so there is data on what was sold.

Rev. Elizabeth's sabbatical planning is good to go, with the exception of possibly needing guest speakers for a few Sundays. If funds are needed for Guest Speakers, that can come out of the Sabbatical Fund.

The final part of the Covenanting Process will happen June 8; Dr. Melissa James is coming in person to guide the congregation in formulating the covenant. The meeting will be hybrid and there will be a big online form of some kind so everyone will have an opportunity to contribute ideas. The Committee on Ministry will provide food. Rev. Elizabeth wants to be sure that everyone knows that this session is different, this is the one that will actually write the covenant for the congregation. This covenant will replace the current one; Rev. Elizabeth thinks it is very important that the new covenant include a commitment to following the processes in place for conflict resolution (not included in the current covenant).

The Capital Campaign Final Ask is going well enough that Rev. Elizabeth doesn't feel a need for further action at this time. After her sabbatical, they will reassess and go from there.

David N had nothing more to report on the Siding Project.

Facilities Use Policy Review - Suzanne S has been sick and gives all credit to Tom S for the work that has been done, and still plans to work on a form for people to fill out when they want to use the church for anything. The Policy was put on the screen for discussion of various parts; Tom & Suzanne will incorporate suggestions and bring the Policy to the next meeting for a vote.

Rodney Frey is still moving the MOU through the process with the Nez Perce Tribe; the Tribal Council will vote soon and the new Land Acknowledgement wording is already being used during the services.

KRFP underwriting is set to go - they have the check and the announcement, and starting June 1, it will run once per day for a full year.

The June 24 Wellness Fair is moving forward with 26 organizations, food, three musical acts plus a DJ.

The PWR UUA is having a business meeting May 29 from 7:00-8:00 pm on Zoom and needs congregation representatives; Mark Willis agreed to attend.

Ash A clarified that it's fine to sign up for the "Transgender 101" class knowing that you'll miss meetings; the class is pre-recorded and can be watched at any time. There hasn't been a decision on recording the discussion after the pre-recorded session. UUCP will have a table at Pullman Pride in addition to Palouse Pride.

The next Board meeting will be June 26, at 7:00 pm.

Donald S. will read opening and closing words.

Suzanne S. has done an article on the Ignite Grants for the June Newsletter, and will also write the article for the July Newsletter.