08-03-2026 Board Minutes

Present: Barbara Hellier, David Nelson, Alexandra Broughton, Tom Salsbury, Sherry Caisley, Ginger Yoder, Sue Engels, Rev. Shelly Thompson
Zoom: Pam Arborgreen, Ash Anderson
Absent: Suzanne Seigneur, Donald Stanziano.

Previous meeting minutes were unanimously approved with no changes- Moved by Alexandra and Seconded by Tom.

Thank Yous -

Danielle, for providing services in the Nielsen matter- (Barbara)
The Children, for the glass window and the potluck (Alexandra B)

Pam Arborgreen is donating her gift to Rev. Elizabeth, and does not need reimbursement.

Treasurer's Report - Sue presented information on the Operating Reserves, which are ok but will probably look better later in the year. UUCP will be sending out separate letters for the Capital Campaign (early September) and the 2026 Pledge Drive (later in September) to remind folks what they pledged and what they've paid. Sue will write up the Capital Campaign letter for the Board to review, modify, and approve at the August 27 meeting.

Director of Faith Formation's Report - RE is going well, with fewer kids in the summer, as usual. Ginger is trying to hire more childcare workers. Youth CON is 100% sold out, with multiple kids on the wait list and plenty of adult volunteers; having the bus from the west side made it work. Any money left over after paying expenses will be sent to the PNW, who is hosting next year, for ongoing CON expenses.

Ginger is working on creating an RE Team that will be involved in and support the whole program, especially through Ginger's sabbatical in fall 2027. She has 5-6 people who are interested and a few more to talk to.

Policy Approval - the Policies are in a google drive; after approval they will be published on the web site (Summer will fix the formatting after approval)

(1) Documentation Policy – committees, etc. and their responsibilities for documentation
(2) Church Governance and Structure
(3) Document Destruction and Record Retention Policy
(4) Information Management Policy
(5) Website Privacy Policy
(6) Board Secretary Job Duties

David N moved to approve all six policies, Tom S seconded, the Board approved unanimously.

Ash A reported from the Social Justice Committee:

- 24 graduation bags were made for the Healing Lodge of the 7 Nations; they will be requesting $2000 in the next budget to support this program
- The film “The Celluloid Closet” at the Kenworthy was well-attended, and they are looking at showing another film
- The July 4 United in Community potluck was also well attended
- “The Longest Table” meal is in the works
- United in Community is working on voter registration & training folks to register voters at UUCP
- Diva Night was very successful
- Palouse Pride is coming up August 29; march to East City Park at 11:30 & in the Park 12:00-4:00
- Working on showing a film for Indigenous Peoples’ Day

David N is now the personal representative for Ralph Nielsen’s estate, so he can’t represent UUCP’s interests; if needed, Sue E will act as UUCP’s representative. Attorney’s fees in this matter will now be paid by the estate, so UUCP won’t need to pay them.

There was no service or obituary when Ralph Nielsen died; Rev. Shelly will work with the Worship Team to have a remembrance during or after a service and David N will talk to Nick Gier about writing an obituary for the Newsletter.

The website has been updated with Rev. Shelly’s information; Rev. Shelly will meet with Joe Pallen about other updates and the website in general.

The Transition Team is now in place, but has not yet met: Tom Salsbury, Joseph Erhard-Hudson, Judy Meuth, Kat Clancy, Cooper Klippenstein

Rev. Shelly would like to meet with the Board one-on-one, possibly at a Board retreat after the new Board starts in January.

The Board will look at Rev. Elizabeth’s suggestions for supporting staff, for discussion at the next meeting.

Next Board Meeting: August 27 at 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall; future meetings will be on fourth Thursdays to enable Rev. Shelly to take Mondays off.

Opening & closing words: Tom S

For the Sept. Newsletter, Barbara H & Rev. Shelly will write an article on the Transition Team.