

Harrisonburg Unitarian Universalists Board of Directors

September 5, 2023

1) Greeting/Welcome/Check-in

Reading: Water is the driving force of all nature.” Leonardo da Vinci

a) Approval of minutes -

2) Board Organizational Issues

a) Members present

- Nancy Barbour, Moderator
- Martha Faw,
- Jo Bowman,
- Irvin Peckham, Secretary
- Sandy Greene
- Bill Weech,
- Rich Sider, Treasurer

3) Next Meeting – October 1, 2023

4) Key Long-term/ Short-term Issues

a. Administrative work -

i. Bulletin boards – Martha

What is the issue? They need to be updated. Tom might be able to take care of. No committee has this responsibility. Basically, we need someone take of the responsibility of the bulletin board.

Sandy suggested a project of replacing front wall bulletin boards with large nature photos, e.g., mountain vista, waterfall forest photos.

Nancy will talk to Tom about updating photos and issues.

ii. Piano and couch – Martha

Martha suggested we might put a half-couch in the CIA room

Nancy noted that we have no immediate plan for us to get a second piano.

iii. Announcements in OSS

Martha voiced her concerns that in joys and concerns, people are making announcements.

Nancy points out that the script for joys and concerns explicitly asks people not to make announcements.

b. Worship Committee – Martha

Martha submitted her report.

c. Update on the HUU Manual revisions – Nancy

Nancy noted we seem to have completed the revisions.

- d. Update on Building and Grounds – Rich
 - i. Creating paths
 - Bill and Judith are creating an attractive path.
 - VDOT has told Rick Bowman they will look at repairing the parking lot entrance. He also is contacting a roof contractor to get estimates on either repainting or replacing the meeting house roof.
 - ii. Fire pit evenings – Martha
 - They are well attended; people are enjoying them..
- e. Auction Planning – Jo
 - Sandy, Amy, Martha, and Jo are meeting. They feel they are making progress. Tom will prepare the catalogue.
 - i. Date: November 11
 - ii. Questions?
 - Sandy asked whether there would be a mechanism by which one would bid on something and donate the item back to the church.
- 5) July Treasurer’s report – Rich
 - Results through August are better than budgeted. Contributed income is a bit better than expected.
- 6) Faith In Action report – Irvin/Nancy
 - Irvin and Nancy didn’t have anything to report.
- 7) Quarterly meeting – October 1?
 - Someone suggested we might solicit questions from congregation prior to the quarterly meetings?
 - Rich suggested that we cancel the board meeting for that date, which includes a potluck. We should announce this meeting the week before so that people have a chance to think of issues to discuss.
 - There was some discussion about fees for facilitating a retreat. Rich suggested that Bill and Nancy take the lead to plan the retreat, including the agenda and facilitation.
- 8) Sponsorship for Zak Gordon’s UUA fellowship
 - We’ll ask Zak to submit a statement of who he is and why he would like HUU to be his sponsoring congregation.
- 9) Other Business
 - Irvin wanted to complement Dee on how she is getting the choir together.

Respectfully Submitted
Irvin Peckham, Secretary
Sept 6, 2023