

## OUUF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Via Zoom

March 21, 2021

Board members present: Brian Berardo, Joan Cotta, Catharine Covert, Sandy Goodwick, Don Hatler, Peggy Toppenberg, Phil Zenner

Non-board members attending: Serena Mylchreest, Elinor Tennyson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 1:00PM

**AGENDA:** Approved adding item for update of Little Free Pantry (LFP)

1. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The February minutes were approved as written.
2. **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Don Hatler
  - a) Long term we are healthy. The Fellowship received a bequest from Nick Dante's estate in the amount of \$70, 038 and this money was transferred to the Vanguard account.
  - b) Current balance of Vanguard is approximately \$149,900.
  - c) Bad news is that are a lower number of pledges and revenue this year. Last year expenses were approximately \$63,000 and this year we may break even.
  - d) Motion made to accept financial reports as presented.
3. **COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** Elinor Tennyson  
Written report submitted to Board members
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - a) **Sunday Services:** Joan is handling a search for new story reader coordinator.
  - b) **Membership:** No report
  - c) **Social Justice/Social Action:** No report
  - d) **Hardscape/ Landscape:** Phil Zenner  
Friendship Garden update:
    - 1) Work is progressing quicker than anticipated and the bricks are ready to go down.
    - 2) When the Garden is finished, we can schedule a ribbon-cutting and thank you ceremony.
    - 3) Outside people are impressed when hearing about the Garden and with publicity it may attract new people to the Fellowship. Phil will write an article for publication in the Sequim Gazette and PDN. It was suggested Susan Harris be contacted to help with publicity.
  - e) **Children's R.E.** Sandy Goodwick
    - 1) The Zoom service has attracted as many as 10 new participants, a new family joined last week.
    - 2) Sex education classes for children were discussed. Sandy will meet with the RE teachers report back to the Board.
    - 3) *See Addendum to minutes (attached).*
  - f) **Care Committee:**  
No report

## 5. OLD BUSINESS:

### a) **Little Free Pantry Concern about offering perishable items:**

Joan Cotta and Peggy Toppenberg

- 1) LFP committee was advised and agreed to follow County health regulations.
- 2) Peggy reported that the committee had discussed purchasing a refrigerator and storing in the shed.
- 3) Concern was made about the items stored in the portable unit which is used for the Children's RE program. It was agreed to wait until Fall before any decision about storage is made.
- 4) Peggy will report monthly to the Board.

### b) **Plans to return to a new normal:** Catharine Covert

- 1) It was suggested to get input from the congregation and committee heads to consider a hybrid approach to Sunday services. The tech committee needs to be involved as equipment will be needed (Sandy is on this committee). Brian will research possible tech solutions and report back to the Board.
- 2) The Board approved a true hybrid service. *Note: A motion was also passed at the February Board meeting.*
- 3) Catharine will write a post for the newsletter.

### c) **Report From Regional Monthly Meeting For Presidents On Other church Efforts:**

Joan Cotta

There will be 3 sessions, 1 and 2 have been held. The focus is on opening our arms and Fellowship to those who don't look like us.

### d) **Update on Chalice Lighter Grant for Driveway "pond":** Brian Berardo

- 1) After discussion it was agreed to not apply for this grant for the pond issue. There are many other areas that could be presented for a grant.
- 2) Item was tabled and added to the Board Retreat agenda for discussion.

### e) **Appreciation Concerns:** Joan Cotta and Elinor Tennyson

- 1) Endowment committee will be advised of money donations and contact the donor asking for preference of investment. Joan will speak to Susan Harris.
- 2) Elinor suggested a note of thanks be sent to Pat Dusel who has volunteered time and money to improve and enhance the Fellowship. It was suggested Joan as President sign the note. Seri offered to send something to Pat.
- 3) Sandy mentioned she and Pat are working on where to put the tribal acknowledgment.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS:

### a) **Update Bylaws to require Directors and Officers be covered by insurance:** Don Hatler

Coverage is currently in force. A change to the bylaws will need to be voted on at the December meeting.

### b) **Neighbor Property Line Complaint:** Catharine Covert and Don Hatler

Neighbor Stan Brockelsby spoke to a Fellowship member and this member was concerned and emailed Joan. Neighbor claimed the Fellowship was violating an agreement about property line setbacks.

- 1) Both Catharine and Don shared their knowledge and experience dealing with this person and it appears he has expressed many complaints over the years but has not taken any action or agreed to any reasonable solution, such as sharing cost of a survey.
- 2) Catharine suggested he be given the phone number for the church and then tell him to call the church and they will contact an appropriate Board member.

- 3) Don strongly suggested that we do nothing, no one should meet with him or make any promises. No agreement exists.
- 4) The distance between the building and property line is within County regulations. Phil said there may be survey stakes and he and Brian will check this out Monday.
- 5) The Fellowship administrator coordinator will keep a file on all incidents that occur as a matter of record.

c) **Increased Security at Fellowship:** Joan Cotta

Installing a security system was discussed and Brian and Phil will research and report back.

d) **History of OUFF via Storytellers Who Were Here:** Joan Cotta

- 1) Recording of long-time members was discussed. Joan will contact some members.
- 2) Elinor suggested looking at several publications of OUFF history that are in the library.

e) **Board Retreat** – Joan Cotta

- 1) Agenda items were suggested. Catharine will issue a draft.
- 2) Scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm at the Fellowship.
- 3) Sandy will invite the Children's RE teachers.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 2:48 PM

Submitted by:

Elinor Tennyson

Administrative Coordinator

NOTE: When the Minutes say "the Board approved" or equivalent words, it indicates that the matter was moved, seconded, and approved by a majority of Board members attending the meeting.

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Addendum

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**e) Children's RE: Sandy Goodwick**

Report received from Harmony Rutter 3/22/2021

- 1) Other than Julia and myself, we have 4 active families in the program. There are currently 10 kids who are actively participating in the program. On average we have about 5-7 kids on any given week. We just had a new family join us last week which is pretty exciting.
- 2) There was a lot of interest in a regional class being prepared by LREDA called "Parents as Sexuality Educators." This email reminds me that I need to reach out to them and see how that is coming along.
- 3) I think in general families are feeling pretty maxed out by the pandemic, but our Sunday sessions are pretty awesome and essential.
- 4) I'd love to do some outdoor gatherings this Summer as things start to open back up.
- 5) The RE stewardship of the OOUF veggie garden is going well too. I have a plan to facilitate the planting of the veggie starts with one family group at a time.
- 6) I don't have any requests for the Board at this time... I think that what Julia and I are doing is pretty rad and manageable for our busy schedules.
- 7) We have had a few OOUF members reach out directly to us about being more involved. In fact, Grace will be our special guest this Sunday for the Spring Equinox :-)