

## **Draft Meeting Minutes: OUUF Board of Trustees**

### **August 25, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Rose Prestipino at 12:30 PM.

Attending were: Ken Nielsen, Dianne Whitaker, Emily Beals, Greg Sensiba, Nels Peterson, and Dave Large. [Note: in the following, Board members are hereinafter referred to by first name only.]

The agenda for this meeting was approved unanimously.

Rose announced that the Walkling Memorial Trust will reimburse the Little Free Pantry for the \$2,000 they have spent on feminine hygiene products.

Nels suggested that we sell potted plants at the upcoming auction.

Rose suggested that we have an initial meeting of the Facilities working group and September 15 was agreed upon for that.

**At this point, the Board went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter (covered by separate minutes).**

At the conclusion of the executive meeting a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to offer the position of Administrator to Harmony Rutter.

The minutes of the August 4 executive session were approved unanimously.

Greg presented the Finance Director's report which was approved unanimously.

He reported that, year-to-date, 71% of money pledged for 2024 has been received.

He also reported that 61% of funds allocated for expenses has been dispersed.

He is working with various committee heads to get their requests for funds included in the 2025 budget.

He noted that there is a minor water leak near the pumphouse and that repairing that will be an unbudgeted expense, but that it is not expected to exceed available contingency funds.

He noted that the trimming of the large tree in the Friendship Garden area is complete but has not yet been billed.

There was no formal Children's RE report, but Rose reported that all personnel working with the children have submitted all the required paperwork, and that self-training for detecting child abuse is underway.

Emily presented the Membership report.

She reported that Linda Roberts is a candidate for membership and the Board unanimously approved that.

She let the Board know that there will be a new member welcoming ceremony on September 1 for Linda, along with Candace Brower, Jerry Kiuttu, Dianne Brant, and Katherine Wieseman, who recently joined.

It was noted that Dianne is a retired nurse and caregiver and has joined the Care committee where her experience will be welcome.

It was also noted that Katherine (along with Cindy Ross) has joined the Landscape committee.

The Board discussed scheduling for three events: a new member's orientation meeting, a general memorial/recognition service (in lieu of a normal Sunday service) and the November Board meeting. One suggestion was a 9:00 AM pre-service Board meeting. A decision on the final meeting times and dates was tabled for now.

Emily presented the Green Sanctuary committee report. She reported that there will be a post-service forum/presentation next Sunday regarding the restoration of the Elwa river valley.

Regarding Sunday services:

It was reported that Bob Nuffer is working towards having Peter Moralis as a speaker sometime in September.

The Board had a discussion regarding options for enabling speaker/audience interaction during or after the speaker's presentation. Options discussed included post-service "roundtable" discussions (possible moderated), and doing something during the service. It was decided to refer this to the Sunday Services committee for their evaluation and decision.

Dianne reported on planning for the upcoming pledge campaign.

The formal campaign will kick off September 15<sup>th</sup>.

A Sequim-oriented event is planned for September 17 at 11:00 AM at Mariner's Café in lieu of the regular Tuesday brunch gathering.

An event at OUUF is planned for September 29<sup>th</sup> (the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday).

A Port Angeles-oriented event is planned for some time in October, potentially at the Downrigger restaurant.

Greg is making some changes to the pledge form preceding these events.

Emily presented a draft statement of what the Right Relations team is proposing. It was decided to include employees among those for whom the proposed procedures would be available. With that change, the draft was approved as a guide for the Right Relations team.

The board discussed long-term facilities planning for OUUF. Among other reasons for beginning this process is that the trailer used for children's RE is nearing the end of its useful life. As noted earlier, it was decided to begin the process by inviting those interested (including non-Board OUUF members) to an initial meeting after the September 15 service. The intent is to develop a plan for the next Board to consider, tentatively in March 2025. Emily will begin planning for the process.

The Board discussed the possibility of starting an adult RE class. The discussion included consideration of the best choice of books and the degree to which the Board might influence those choices. No decisions on this subject were made, nor were any action items identified.

The Board discussed the possibility of funding of larger or different ads in the Peninsula Daily News. No decision was made and no action items identified, however.

The meeting was adjourned by Rose at 2:30 PM.

--- submitted by Dave, ad hoc secretary.