

Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022, on Zoom

Attending: Lisa Sharp, Rev Eric Meter, Brent Nicolle, Phil Nagy, Carl Sonnen, Caycee Price, Andrew Drake, Mary Ella Keblusek (as an observer)

Regrets: David Chernushenko, Amy Berube

1. Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda Motion to: - Accept Agenda - Approve BOD Minutes for March 23, 2022 - Lay Chaplaincy AGM motion <i>Appendix A</i> Moved by: Andrew Seconded by: Phil (passed)
3. Minister's Report <i>Appendix B</i>
4. AGM package was reviewed by the board to prepare for the upcoming AGM. All components were ready for inclusion. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Financial updates● Notice, Agenda● Minutes and Acts of Board● Motions
5. Campus Planning: Motion to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- invite a resident, to be appointed by the Unitarian House Resident Association, to attend general Campus Planning Meetings. Moved by: Lisa. Seconded by: Carl (passed) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- appoint Lisa Sharp as member to Campus Planning Committee as of May 1, 2022. Moved by: Carl Seconded by: Caycee (passed) <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Update on meeting with Unitarian House Boardb. Letter from UH Residentsc. Townhall – April 19th (who can come)d. Motion for AGM - SEE BELOW Motion by: Carl Seconded by: Lisa Passed (Phil abstains)
6. Social Justice Action Network information notes <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reminder that EAG and SJAN will make their own announcements during Sunday services (Board will only do board announcements)-Air Conditioner Quotes are in; Solar Panels are being explored (unlikely to be done before summer)-Almasaleh family (Syrian) has passed 1st stage; expect them to arrive in about one year

- Go Gos Plant sale in May
- OR H is working with TRAG on collaboration
- A lot of other activities going on; watch in EEU

7. Upcoming meetings:

- BOARD / CPC Townhall – April 19, 2022 at 7 pm
- Annual General Meeting: May 1, 2022 at 12:30 pm – 4 pm
- Board Orientation: June 11
- Next regular Board Meetings: Wed May 18, 2022 7pm; June 15th

***Please note there is no board meeting in July.**

8. Closing.

Appendix A

LAY CHAPLAINCY MOTION FOR AGM

1. Whereas:

- One of our lay chaplains (from the UUFO) resigned in February,
- In a recruitment process last year, Guy Belleperche was interviewed and unanimously selected as a very strong candidate,
- Guy has completed the required CUC training, and
- Guy had indicated his willingness to take on this role,

it is moved by Bob Armstrong and seconded by Alex Campbell that Guy Belleperche be appointed as a lay chaplain of FirstU.

2. Whereas:

- the Congregation must confirm, annually, the appointment of current lay chaplains and
- The CUC national lay chaplaincy committee has approved the extension of Alex Campbell's appointment until the end of 2022 to assist in the coaching of the new lay chaplains and to officiate at military ceremonies at the national military cemetery,

It is moved by Bob Armstrong and seconded by Brent Nicolle that the ongoing appointments of Alex Campbell and Lisa Boulay be approved.

Submitted by Bob Armstrong, Chair of the Ottawa Lay Chaplaincy Committee.

appendix B

Minister's Report to the Board of Directors of the
First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa
April 2022

On Sunday, April 10, I preached about the anxieties many feel, primarily though I'm sure not exclusively by folks at both River Parkway and Unitarian House, about our developing campus expansion plans. I've never received so many positive comments via email to any sermon, though one lay leader did, wisely, comment that perhaps my honeymoon with FirstU will be brought to a close due to my comments. If so, I consider it a fair trade. Last week, Lisa and I sat down with Bill Van Iterson and Terry Kimmel to explore ways in which we can improve communication with the residents at Unitarian House and I was glad to join other First U Board members at a special meeting with the UH Board as well. All of this, and I'm sure more, will help ensure a smoother road forward for us all.

Also, late last month I mentioned from the pulpit that FirstU dropped its membership in the Unitarian Universalist Association some time back, and that one outcome of this is that if someone goes to UUA.org looking for a Unitarian congregation in Ottawa, they will find the Fellowship over on the east side of town but not us. I've since heard that several of my predecessors have reached out to the UUA to ask what would be necessary for us to return to that fold with no success. I've begun reaching out as well. Please keep your fingers crossed.

As I mentioned last month, Lisa Boulay and I will offer an updated MapMaking class beginning on May 10th and meeting weekly through June 7 or 14. See this week's eUU for further information.

The Lead Minister's Advisory Team, which I also mentioned last month, has begun its work. I'm grateful for Jane Lindsay, Sharmila Khare and Maury Prevost for agreeing to serve on this new group.

Thanks to all of you who were able to participate in the second Saturday zoom call of our New Minister Startup on April 2nd. Rev Linda Thomson and I are still working out ideas for next steps.

Looking ahead: next week, I'll be helping lead a Newcomers class.

Keith Yach is donating a painting of his to the congregation. The artwork is of red dresses, in honour of the Red Dress movement. We'll honour the gift during the worship service on May 1st.

Neo and I are planning an intergenerational Pizza and RE Planning lunch meeting for Sunday, May 15.

I also want to let you know that I've registered for the Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly and UU Ministers Association's Ministry Days, taking place in Portland, OR from June 20 – 26. While I hope the 6th COVID wave will have run its course by then, I'll participate online from Ottawa if necessary.

All the best,

Rev. Eric Meter