

## Board Meeting Agenda

Our mission is to “Kindle the light within and inspire courage to nurture the web of life and to create a just and compassionate world.”

**Date:** Wednesday, August 17, 2022  
**Time:** 7 pm - 9 pm  
**Location:** Zoom  
**Main Goal:** To approve and grab the many tentacles of the FirstU octopus

**Attending:** Brent Nicolle, Lisa Sharp, Mary Ella Keblusek, David Chernushenko, Rev Eric Meter, Michelle Jackson, Amy Berube (8:30+)

**Regrets:** Jen Brennan, Carl Sonnen, Phil Nagy, Caycee Price

### Due to a lack of quorum, reports are being done first

#### 1. Minister's report (Rev Eric Meter)

-very busy as he recently came back from vacation

#### HR

- Gareth Auden-Hole will be stepping away to a consultant role, Julia Defalco will be replacing him along with the adjustment of the admin being filled by Allison. After ten years as the sound and lighting co-ordinator, we thank him for his service to the congregation.

#### 2. Finance (Michelle Jackson)

-Michelle delivered some details on the quarterly finance report. Quarterly files available upon request.

#### 3. President's Report [Brent Nicolle]

It has been a busy summer. Since our last meeting some of my congregational chats include:

- Mike Fletcher re heat pump, September Climate Strike plan.
- Kris Cormier re Pride week activities
- Eva Berringer & Sharen Bowen re Kayoki funding; Eva again on COSM
- Larry Jones & Michelle Jackson re Inactive memberships.
- Terry Kimmel re CPC and Pledge campaign.
- Carol Card re tentative Fall Fair plans for Nov 12
- Maury Prevost & Kathy Yach re CUC; Kathy re refugee concert.
- Phil Nagy re Finance team (Andrew Drake has resigned; **let's seek a replacement**)
- ... and many more, of course. You could not say “FirstU took the summer off”.

We are consulting with various specialized lawyers on various topics:

- Robin Mackay & Rita Asangarani re CPC LOI.
- Terry Carter of Carters Law re impact of a land-transfer to OAHS; charitable purposes.
- Greg Meeds of Vice&Hunter re assessment for Cleary Detour.

I've also enjoyed liasing with other external folks for various collaborations:

- OrH (president Carolyn Whitzman; Rabbi Liz Bolton; Diana Ralph; Allan Moscovitch) by email/phone, re Signage, Pride activities, Refugee benefit concert.

- UUFO (president Nick Ledon; Brandon Milk) re CUC conference, Pride, other collaborations.
- Jackie Holzman (UH) re possible UH expansions, Cleary detour.
- Barb Wallace (First-Unitarian-Hamilton president) re CUC conference hosting history.
- OAHS (Justin Marchand, Jaimee Gaunce, Meghan McCarville, Dan Gartshore, Dr Dawn Harvard) re site visit, office space rental.

**4. The pledge report**

Larry Jones and Terry Kimmel as co leads on congregational stewardship have provided a comprehensive and thorough report on how to move forward. We are currently looking for a successor for this role.

**Amy Berube joined the meeting, the board meeting gained quorum and came to order.**

**5. Consent Agenda**

**Motion to:**

**- *Accept Agenda***

**- *Approve Membership Application for Gail Scagnetti***

A FirstU Member since 1977, Gail has been Inactive for the past few years, but wishes to again be considered an Active Member. She is now living at Unitarian House, where she enjoys FirstU services on her iPad and hopes to attend in person as her energy permits. Gail is committed to FirstU and UUism and made a financial contribution this year.

**- *Approve Membership Application for Susan Mellor***

Susan Mellor has had a long association with the congregation. Her current involvements include the Reading for Growth group, the Meditation Garden team and the weekly Mindfulness group. In the spring of 2022, Susan attended the Mapmaking course led by Rev. Eric and Lisa Boulay. She values the sense of community at FirstU and looks forward to being a member.

**- *Approve nominating Werner Daeschel to Campus Planning Committee***

**- *Acknowledge PPDDA letter sent re Clean Fuel Standard, approved by Exec June 23<sup>rd</sup>.***

**Moved by: Mary Ella    Seconded by: David, Carried**

**6. Hosting of 2023 CUC National Conference**

**a. Motion to approve hosting the 2023 CUC Conference & AGM**

We have the following leads in place:

Maury Prevost, Host committee lead

Kathy Yach, Volunteer coordinator

Lisa Sharp, CanUudle liaison

Brandon Milk, UUFO liaison

CUC plans to be more “on lead”, and a more structured approach.

Maury has a Spire article ready to go, awaiting our decision.

Be positive: this may be a volunteer “draw” rather than a “sink”.

**Moved by: Brent    Seconded by: Lisa, Carried**

**7. Campus Development Activity**

**a. Motion to approve Proposed Letter of Intent (LOI)**

Proposed LOI to follow. Feedback solicited from Robin Mackay and Rita Asangarani. To be co-signed by Theia, OAHS and FirstU.

**Moved by: Lisa    Seconded by: Brent, Carried**

**b. Report on Integrated Campus Plan Task Force [David]**

Charette on August 24th at 1pm, to discuss and consider different aspects of how housing projects could be organized on the campus and the other impacts it will have on infrastructure. There are also several sub groups that are also analysing different aspects of campus plans (e.g. environmental impacts) will give some considerations for the project.

- c. **Motion to approve consultation with legal experts on land-transfer to non profit corporation affect our charitable status.**

**Moved by: Lisa, Seconded by: David, Carried**

- d. **Report on OAHS Site Visit [Amy, Brent, Lisa, Rev Eric]**

Lisa provided a brief slideshow of pictures of a OAHS site (available upon request). The group was able to tour and meet some of the residents and see an apartment. The craftsmanship was of excellent quality and the building was impeccably maintained. The residents had a real pride in their residences.

#### **8. Governance Activity**

- a. **Motion to approve consultation with legal experts on updated Charitable Purposes**

Our Charitable Purposes statement affects our bylaw, define our charitable status and should contain the bulk of our activities.

Carters Law recommended and will be consulted this week. \$25K limit suggested.

**Moved by: Brent Seconded by: Mary Ella, Carried**

#### **9. Information items.**

There is now a spreadsheet being maintained to keep track of the roster and the announcements.

Content: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ef8-gZAawTDsFWqey3zsNhxll6ZzWWWeG15ckHaLHks/edit#gid=0>

Roster: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jS1rtQ7\\_B3ScKNgEeZnWe4v3sgTR0pVAcHZw3W8Zz6M/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jS1rtQ7_B3ScKNgEeZnWe4v3sgTR0pVAcHZw3W8Zz6M/edit?usp=sharing)

**10. Closing: Next meeting, September 21st, 2022.**