

# FirstU Board Meeting Minutes, Oct. 18, 2023

Attending: Rev Eric; Michelle; Jen; Nancy, Brent, Mary Ella, Amy, Carmen, Phil, Carl, Guy

Regrets: Terry

## Minutes

Item
Early Check-in
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Call to Order<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Check-in</li><li>b. Opening Song [Carmen]</li><li>c. Opening Reading [Mary Ella]</li><li>d. Assignment of Timekeeper: Guy and Process Monitor: Carmen</li></ol></li></ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Consent Agenda<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Approval of this Agenda</li><li>b. Approval of September Board Minutes [Att. 1]</li><li>c. Acknowledge Exec Approval of Ajashki application for Ottawa Community Foundation \$20K grant [Att. 2,3]</li></ol><b>Moved</b> by Brent, Seconded by Nancy. Passed</li></ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Recommend presentation of the Congregational Focus for the Fall Congregational Meeting [Att.4]<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Do we need more time to consider the focus?</li><li>b. Jen has some concerns regarding qualified donees<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Michelle will follow-up on CRA guidelines</li></ol></li><li>c. Brent indicated we're only offering support and not money, but Michelle indicated that support can be considered a donation</li><li>d. Board only recommends. Congregation approves</li><li>e. Who will own the focus? SJAN? To be discussed at FCM</li></ol><b>Moved</b> by Brent, Seconded by Nancy. Passed</li></ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. President's Report [Brent] [Note 1]. Any questions?<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Chuck Shields will be appointed VP at AGM.</li><li>b. Katherine Gunn has agreed to sit on Nominating Committee</li><li>c. Should by-laws be revamped to allow interim Directors?</li></ol></li></ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. Minister's Report [Rev Eric] [Att. 5]<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Energy in RE program is excellent</li></ol></li></ol>

- d. Services Dashboard
- e. Website/Youtube Reports [Att. 6, Att. 7]
  - a. Eric indicated that metrics are hard to decipher
  - b. Action Item: Carl & Brent to discuss with Allison how to consolidate and single-out only most relevant statistics

- 6. Treasurer's Report [Phil]
  - a. Updates to Financial policy FP-6. [Att.8]  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the updated financial policy FP-6 Campus Projects Fund**  
**Moved** by Phil, seconded by Guy. Passed
  - b. Update to Financial policy FP-14. [Att.9]  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the updated financial policy FP-14 Assignment of Interest**  
**Moved** by Phil, seconded by Brent. Passed

- 7. Campus Planning Update [Brent/Terry Kimmel]
  - a. Town Hall this coming Sunday
  - b. Phil has questions as to when revenue from the market rent condo building will begin flowing in. 2028 is Terry's guess.
  - c. Will parking reclamation from UH be an issue?
  - d. Zoning concerns presented by city planners that is quite different from our plan, and will require an appeal, but city councilors generally support our plan
  - e. Initial land is appraised at \$2.5 million
  - f. Will need independent appraisal at about \$4,000 + HST  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves up to \$5,000 for independent appraisal of our site for future construction, funded by Legacy fund.**  
**Moved** by Phil, seconded by Brent. Passed
  - g. Mary Ella will manage discussion, with potential neighbors attending.
  - h. Carmen suggesting members who plan to attend on Sunday bring their own lunch. Coffee and snacks to be provided by FH volunteers as usual
  - i. Q&A as necessary on Odayanhaway Update [Att.10], Business Plan [Att. 11], Appraisals [Att.12], Legal drafts [available on request]
  - j. CPC Town Hall: **Sun Oct 22 12:15[?]**. Help needed with pre-meeting parking-lot tours, handheld microphones, monitoring online chat. Considering snacks.

- 8. Fall Congregational Meeting [Brent] **Sun Oct 29 12:15**  
Voting will be in person with proxy allowed and non-voting online chat allowed
  - a. Help needed with scrutineering, handheld microphones, monitoring online chat. Considering snacks.
  - b. Lisa will be head scrutineer, with assistance from Mary Ella

- c. Mary Ella will manage zoom discussion/chat
- d. Guy, Carmen and Nancy will register and hand out voting cards and recollect them after the FCM
- e. Jen will prepare scrutineer's list and send to Mary Ella

9. Old Business: Board Focus [Brent]

Let's pick a single board focus for 2023/2024, and 3 objectives.

Suggested focus: **Leadership Pathway**

Suggested objectives (filter down to 3 things over time):

- f. Hold Leadership retreat
- g. Develop 5-10 new leaders into new "good fit" roles
- h. Develop several (2-5) Young Adult leaders into good fit roles
- i. Foster women in Leadership circle
- j. Identify leadership assignments that are stagnant, and reshuffle/reassign.
- k. Consolidate things-to-lead

10. Closing

- l. Feedback from Process monitor: Kept to subject 9.5/10

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves Trillium Resilient Communities Fund Grant application for Ajashki**

**Moved** by Guy, seconded by Phil. Passed

- m. Closing reading [Nancy]
- n. Adjournment