

Borderlands UU
Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 20, 2021

Present: Hugh Rhine, president; Martha House, vice president; Barb Meshanko, secretary; Diane Farone member-at-large; Ann Westrope, member-at-large; Owen Anderson, member-at-large; Rev. Matthew Funke Crary; Judy Harmer, immediate past president. Also present was Jermain Lowe, our new office administrator.

Consent Agenda: accepted as presented with clarification that approval of the draft budget is not necessary. The Board needs to approve the reconciled budget after the completion of the pledge drive, and that is the budget that will be submitted to the congregation for approval at our annual meeting.

Board Nominees: Diane Farone presented the slate of Board nominees to be submitted to the congregation' vote at our annual meeting. Vice President, Nancy Murphy; Treasurer, Martha House; Member-at-Large, Barbara Lund.

Memorial Brick for Eileen Anacker: After discussion and on motion made by Barb Meshanko and seconded by Martha House, the Board moved that the Board will purchase a memorial brick for Eileen Anacker. The cost will be met by contributions from Board members who volunteered to donate for the cause. Barb will check with Carol Hoy about the cost. Martha, Hugh, and Diane will compose the message for the brick, and the Board can approve the message by electronic vote.

Pledge Update: As of April 20 we have received 24 pledges for a total of \$48,100, compared to 72 pledges received last year by this time. These pledges have been made online. Now pledge cards have been mailed to those who have not pledged online. Raising money for the Caring Beyond Belief campaign will be deferred until after the pledge campaign is completed. We have received 2 donations for that campaign.

Accompaniment Project Update: Rev. Matthew reported that the last of a series of 7 forums was completed on Sunday. All seven are recorded and can be watched at our website. The seventh was an interview and question and answer with a local immigration attorney who gave a clear description of financial sponsorship relationships. We were advised to watch if we did not attend the forum so we have a clear picture of what issues we need to be more informed about in reaching a decision about what we will do. We all also received a link to a website discovered by Kristin Wisneski-Blum that contains information that needs to be considered. We will hold a Town Hall meeting with the congregation three weeks before the Annual Meeting date. We set Sunday, June 13 as a date for the Annual Meeting and the Town Hall will be May 23. Judy Harmer, Barb Lemmon and Julie Medow will be visiting the Ajo Samaritans to meet some of them and be introduced to what they are doing.

Pima County Youth Substance Abuse: Hugh will attend the strategic planning meeting on May 20. A notice will be put into the BUUB inviting others to go, and special invitations will be sent to Jaime Brusstar, Marcia Weary, and Marilyn Taylor.

Online Payment: Martha House has been looking into costs and features of different ways of enabling donations via credit card at our website. Martha, Hugh and the Finance Team will continue to explore to see what would be the most cost-effective means for us to do that. Whatever we select needs to be Weebly compatible.

After Hugh's closing words the meeting was adjourned to an Executive Session to consider a Personnel issue.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Farone