

Minutes for the November 2014 Board Meeting

November 20, 2014, 6:30 pm, BUUF Library

Attendees: Rev. Dana Worsnop, Sue Philley, Craig Raese, Debbie Johnson, Bryan Jennings, Claudia W, Marcia Lyons, Catherine, Cathy Carmen, Roger Sherman

Submitted by secretary and approved by BUUF board

Motions:

Number	Text	Motion/ Second	result
1	Acceptance of monthly reports as is (note exceptions) Minutes as amended	Sue and Marcia	accepted
2	Accept updated e-mail distribution lists as amended	Claudia/ Craig	accepted

- Action Item Review: Catherine Fitch

Number	Text	Owner
1	Executive draft of mission budget	Executive committee
2	Board to appoint chair for planned giving	

Brief update from Treasurer –

- Heads up that actual money received isn't following budget.
- Copier maintenance and postage – Don't know if we have removed paper default distribution of newsletter; Dana will follow up.
- Some priorities (like leadership training haven't been spent yet); other miscellaneous comments

7 p.m. Visitors - Discussion with Stewardship Committee

Judy Holcombe

There may be some move to a different model that replaces the AGD.

The stewardship committee is now a year round function. Includes planned giving. How can the board help them. Need a chair for planned giving to replace Jane Breckenridge. Board needs to appoint this person.

AGD –

Early January to get an estimate of need

They are planning on a celebration Sunday again.

3 characteristics of successful fund raising

- 1) Inspiring mission – first person stories

- 2) Regard for leadership – Minister to participate (look at settled minister); board should be a visible part of encouraging generosity
- 3) Fiscal responsibility – People like to see that money is spent in an orderly and responsible way

Requesting that staff and minister allocate their time for mission categories. Don't want to submit the line item budgets; instead wants a narrative description of how money is sent.

Tony: People give because of mission. What differentiated do we make to our plate partners. Tell our story every week. Use an edited video. Why do givers give? Tony is reaching out to others from the leadership school. He would like to have us break down barriers between committees and act as a single community

Tony suggests that we read the book “**Not your partners offering plate**”

Board Agenda Topics and discussions:

Interim appraisal process – Sue

Sue wrote it up, consolidate comments and review by Dana

They felt that it was difficult to represent the whole congregation.

Claudia/ Craig – board accepts report

Executive committee to put together a mission budget – 2 goals; ask committees to think about how to operate doing. Let Finance know how we are approaching it. Board's job is to set the mission budget then finance committee breaks it down.

PMC implementing ministry vision- PMC chairs send to strand leaders; then flow down
Miriam likes to have Nancy send out forms to fill out for strand leaders to fill out with what is going on. Is there an accountability for them to show their actions?

Closing: Extinguish chalice