



Board of Directors Special Property Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2023 7:00 Zoom

Our mission: To be a compassionate, welcoming community that nurtures spiritual growth and practices justice.

Meeting Minutes

Board: Kim Reid, President; Paul Trewartha-Weiner, Vice President; Kimberly E., Secretary, John Helmers, Treasurer; Brianna Berg, Jodi Edmonson, John Tacinelli & Walt Rothwell, Members at Large, Reb. Luke Stevens-Royer, ex officio

Guest: George Huston

1. **Call to order.** Kim Reid called the meeting to order.
2. **Chalice Lighting** Luke read the chalice lighting words of inspiration.
3. **Purchase Offer for Viola Property** John H. updated the board on the status of the letter of intent for the Viola property. Since submitting the letter of intent, we learned there was another offer on the property. This led to the negotiating team submitting an amended purchase agreement with some important contingencies. We still need to learn about the implications of Decorah edge. In addition, there is some geo-technical work being done, including the analysis of soil borings, to make sure the land can be successfully developed.
4. **Architect Report on Viola Property** Kim R. shared the report from the architects. Kim R, John H. discussed the recommendations and the steps to get additional information to make the best possible decision on the land. The architects recommend the Viola site to best meet our current and future needs.
5. **The Building Our Future is hoping for the pre-development meeting with the city to occur on 4/27.** Kim suggests meeting by zoom after the pre-development meeting in order to for the board to make a decision about whether or not to bring a vote forward. A special meeting is tentatively schedule for Thursday 4/27/23 at 7:00 – either at the church or by zoom.
6. **Tentative Property Vote Timeline** (Kim R.)
 - Sunday, April 30th: Announcement of Board Recommendation for a property vote

- Wednesday, May 3rd: Property forum to share information gathered and the rationale behind the Board's recommendation.
- A potential property open house was discussed to give interested members of the congregation the opportunity to tour the land on May 6th. John H. will be contacting Alex to see if a drone footage tour.
- Wednesday May 3 – Sunday, May 7: Congregational Property Vote (both in-person and online)

7. Communication to the Congregation. Kim R. Sent a draft message to the congregation to be sent tomorrow for the board review. After some minor edits, Paul moved, and John H. seconded to send the message to the congregation. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: 7:00 PM April 19, 2023

Reflection theme: Resistance